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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin,** enquired the Tamil Nadu team that had gone to Odisha, about the relief measures being taken and the details of those belonging to Tamil Nadu who had either lost their lives or had been injured, through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 03.06.2023.

The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin,** called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha **Thiru. Naveen Patnaik** and conversed with him on the welfare of train passengers from Tamil Nadu, as well as relief measures and medical treatment for them on 04.06.2023.

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**Padaikudi KoozhAmaichu NatpuAran Aarum**
**Udaiyaan Arasarul Yeru** ***-Kural 381***

Among regimes that regime is like a male lion that has these six attributes: a powerful army, intelligent citizens, endless resources, faultless Ministers, resolute friends and fortifications that cannot be destroyed.

*- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural*

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**Gopalapuram Residence of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, Chennai.**

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# Birth centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar

Omandurar Government Estate Campus, Chennai.

Omandurar Government Estate Campus, Chennai.

Murasoli Office Complex, Chennai.

## World class 'Kalaignar Convention Centre' to come up

# 'Muthamizharignar Kalaignar is the leader of Tamils all over the world', says Hon'ble Chief Minister

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** released the logo for the Birth Centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar - 02.06.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin released the logo for the Birth Centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, in the presence of the Special Guest, Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal, at a function organized by the Information and Public Relations Department, at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai on 02.06.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the occasion, also released a short film on schemes implemented for the welfare of people of Tamil Nadu, by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar during the various periods of his rule.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has decided to celebrate the Birth Centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who was the Chief Minister of the State for five times, a Legislator of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for all the 13 times he contested, and a Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council. He was not only the political leader in Tamil Nadu politics but also the leader who decided the course of national politics. During his tenure, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar implemented various welfare schemes for the benefit of the poor and downtrodden.

To celebrate his birth centenary in a grand manner on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister chaired an advisory meeting at the Secretariat on 22.05.2023. At the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister described Muthamizharignar Kalaignar as the architect of modern Tamil Nadu and said that to honour him, functions would be organized highlighting various

welfare schemes he had implemented in the State for the welfare of the people, to enable the younger generations to know about them. These functions would be organized in a grand manner, with the participation of people of all walks of life. These functions will be organized not only by the Government, but in a combined manner by universities, colleges, students and the beneficiaries of his schemes.

In continuation of the advisory meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister released the Logo for the Birth Centenary Celebrations, at a function organized by the Information and Public Relations Department at Kalaivanar Arangam on 02.06.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also released a short film on the achievements of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar during his tenures as the Chief Minister of the State.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open a photo exhibition, organized in connection with Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's birth centenary celebrations by the Information and Public Relations Department. In this exhibition, there are photographs of various schemes implemented by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the benefits that accrued to the people, his political journey right from the early age and his meetings with top political leaders. This exhibition will be open for people throughout June.

**Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion**

My kind welcome to all of you.

I welcome Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, for gracing the function that marks the release of the special Logo for the birth centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. It is most ideal to conduct the function in this hall, which was named as Kalaivanar Arangam (earlier known as Children's Theatre), by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. The grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi, has come here to greet Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the heir of Thanthai Periyar's ideology.

Though we belong to the Dravidian Movement, Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi knows well the relationship between our movement and Mahatma Gandhi.

Before starting the Self-Respect Movement, Thanthai Periyar was a follower of Mahatma Gandhi in the Congress organization. He wore khadi clothes. Carrying the Khadi fabric on his shoulders, Thanthai Periyar organized an 'Anti-toddy shop' movement throughout the country. He was also the President of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee. As he felt that a separate organization was required for protecting the rights of various backward communities, Thanthai Periyar started the Self-Respect Movement.

He was immensely sad when he came to know that Mahatma Gandhi had been assassinated by the 'fanatic' Godse. He said that the living Gandhi was their (Congress) Gandhi and the dead Gandhi is our Gandhi.

Similarly, Perarignar Anna had a great respect for Mahatma Gandhi. He wrote a book on Mahatma Gandhi with the title, 'World Periyar Gandhi'. In the year 1948, when Gandhi was murdered, Perarignar Anna wrote in his Dravida Nadu newspaper that they could only kill his body but not his fame.

In the same way, Dr. Kalaignar had great respect and admiration for Mahatma Gandhi. In a similar manner, Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi has respect for Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna, Dr.Kalaignar and the Dravidian Movement.

Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi said the destination of the Dravidian Ship is the 'Federal Port'. He has written that Thanthai Periyar's

ideals were enthroned in the gaddi through the popularity of Perarignar Anna and Dr.Kalaignar. His view is that the politics of Perarignar Anna and Dr.Kalaignar is pro-poor, pro-farmer and the pro-poor and is against communal and casteist forces.

Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi openly praised the Government of Tamil Nadu at the handing over function of power laundry to the prisons in Tamil Nadu.

When Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi praised Dr.Kalaignar and the present Government of Tamil Nadu, I considered it as a great moment in my life. I assure him on this occasion that I will live up to his expectations.

**Tomorrow is June 3:** It is the birth anniversary of Dr.Kalaignar, who is the dawn of the 'fallen Tamil Society' and lived like a shining, rising sun during his life and became a beacon after his demise to show us the path. It is appropriate to call his birth anniversary as the birthday of one who was the soul and identity of Tamil society.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has planned to celebrate the birth centenary of Dr.Kalaignar for one year. Because, he is, in fact, the Government of Tamil Nadu. I dedicate this Dravidian Model Government to him and his eminence. If at all there is an architect of modern Tamil Nadu, it is only Dr.Kalaignar. There is not a single Department which he did not touch and put his stamp of excellence on.

All Departments are moving in the path that he laid out. He ruled the State with a long-term perspective in public interest. That is the reason why he got opportunities to rule the State 5 times.

In free India, he contested the Assembly elections 13 times and was successful every time because he was always with the people. He

ruled the State from the hearts of people. He lives in people's hearts even today. He was a man of letters among literary personalities, a poet among poets and a leader among political leaders. The Government of Tamil Nadu has planned to celebrate his birth centenary throughout the year. In this connection, we have decided to release a logo later today.

A big library is coming up in Madurai and a centenary memorial hospital in Chennai; there will be programmes throughout the year in all the districts. These meetings will not be mere felicitation functions but functions that explain the achievements of Dr.Kalaignar. Those who benefited from his schemes will participate in these functions.

Dr.Kalaignar laid the foundation stone for the growth and development of Tamil Nadu in the last 5 decades. Dr.Kalaignar proved that only those who have a long-term perspective, those who have true love for the people and who have the capacity to plan well, can achieve these feats.

We are now seeing schools, colleges, institutions, industries and big cities, which he had created during his tenures. Those who got opportunities to complete their school and college education because of him, women who attained economic independence due to the schemes he launched, Government employees who got employment opportunities because of him… the lives of crores of people are connected in such ways with our leader Dr. Kalaignar.

Nobody can forget the industrial development of Chennai and of Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram Districts bordering Chennai. They were due to Dr.Kalaignar's rule. Similarly, the industrial revolution is being taken forward by the present Dravidian Model Government.

In my tour to Singapore and Japan a few days back, I was able to attract crores of investment to Tamil Nadu. We have signed agreements to the tune of Rs. 3,233 crore.

We have planned to organize an Global Investor's Meet at Chennai in January. I have invited industrialists from Singapore and Japan to participate in it. During my tour, I could realize how much interest and faith they have in Tamil Nadu and the D.M.K. Government.

Industrialists in Japan and Singapore know well about the growth and infrastructure facilities available in Tamil Nadu. They assured me that if they were to invest in India, they would invest only in Tamil Nadu. The reason for the assurance is the foundation laid by Dr.Kalaignar.

When I mentioned the name of Dr.Kalaignar in the meetings among the Singapore people and Tamils there, they applauded. This shows Dr.Kalaignar is the leader not only among Tamils in the State but of Tamils all over the world. Tamils abroad proudly say that Dr. Kalaignar functioned as the leader of the Tamil race all over the world. That is the reason his birth centenary is to be celebrated not only in Tamil Nadu but also by people all over the world.

Committees of Ministers, high Government officials and experts of different fields are to be formed to take steps for celebrating his birth centenary. The committees will be announced in a day or two. I am happy to inform you

that these committees will organize functions throughout the year and throughout Tamil Nadu to showcase the achievements of Dr.Kalaignar and his multi-faceted personality.

Dr.Kalaignar does not belong to the D.M.K. alone. He is the property of Tamil Nadu and beyond it of the whole world.

Dr.Kalaignar had a dream. He wanted Tamils to occupy premier positions in all fields in the world. Similarly, he wanted to make Tamil Nadu a State that people from all over the world would desire to visit.

When nobody thought of a venture like TIDEL park, Dr.Kalaignar established it in 1997 and created a revolution in information technology. The TIDEL Park, set up by Dr.Kalaignar, was responsible for opening the gates for all international companies to enter Tamil Nadu.

In the same manner, in connection with the beginning of the centenary year, to add to the fame of Dr.Kalaignar, I am going to make an announcement.

In the State headquarters, Chennai, I feel that a world class convention hall should be set up. The proposed convention hall should be the 'Best in Class Convention Centre'.

The proposed Kalaignar Convention Centre should host global industrial conferences, commercial conventions and technological conferences and international film festivals. This idea came to me when I visited Singapore and Japan.

It would be a cause of great pride to have a convention of international standards named after Kalaignar. Such a convention centre named after Dr.Kalaignar would take his name all over the world for centuries.

At present, there is a convention centre of 10,000 square metres and an additional hall of 12,000 square metres is being constructed. These two halls may not be sufficient for our future needs. Taking this into consideration, the Kalaignar Convention Centre will come up. The proposed Kalaignar Convention Centre will be on a 25 acre area, with a seating capacity of 5,000 people. The Convention Centre would have a conference hall of international standards, exhibition halls, lodging houses and restaurants of star standard and multi-level vehicle parking complex.

The Kalaignar Convention Centre will take the youth power and the intellectual power of Tamil Nadu youth all across the globe.

If the Kalaignar Convention Centre becomes the repository of the knowledge of the lakhs of Tamil Nadu youth, who are undergoing training under the 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme, then Dr.Kalaignar will live forever. That will be the special and true recognition we give to Dr.Kalaignar.

Kalaignar's face is our logo.

His policies are our principles.

Making his dreams come true is our life-long duty.

May Kalaignar's fame last for many hundreds of years. With these words, I conclude my speech.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister directly supervises de-silting operations in Cauvery delta Districts

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** inspected the progress of de-silting works -09.06.2023.

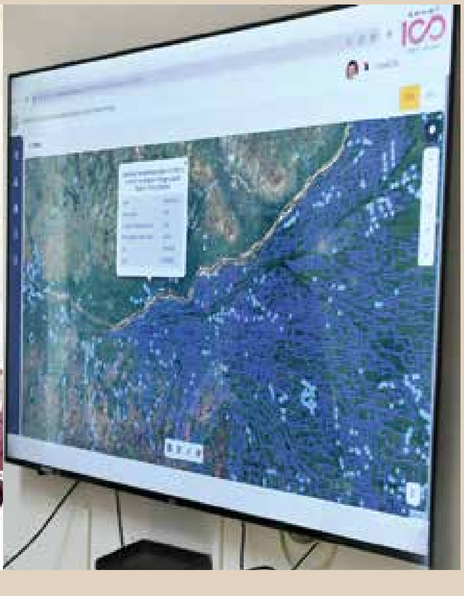
The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin inspected the de-silting operations in the Cauvery Delta Districts of Tiruchirappalli and Thanjavur on 09.06.2023.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the Thanjavur Circuit house, reviewed the progress of de-silting operations in the Cauvery irrigation areas this year and also saw a short film on de-silting operations.

In the Agriculture Budget for the year 2023-2024, it was announced that the de-silting of canals, renovation of tanks, construction of dams and rain water harvesting works had been carried out, with the farmers, through the Water Resources Department. In the coming year, it was announced that canals and drainage channels in the Cauvery Delta areas would be undertaken at a cost of Rs. 90 crore.

**As per announcement, the de-silting operations are being carried out in the sources of irrigation in the Tiruchirappalli Division during the year 2023-2024 in the following areas.**

Thirty-one works in Salem District, at a cost of Rs.2 crore; 5 works in Namakkal District, at a cost of Rs.50 lakh; 100 works in Tiruchirappalli District, at a cost of Rs. 15.88 crore; 38 works in Karur District, at a cost of Rs. 6.48 crore; 13 works, at a cost of Rs. 3.13 crore in Ariyalur District, 39 works in Perambalur



District, at a cost of Rs.4 crore; 189 works in Thanjavur District, at a cost of Rs. 20.45 crore; 111 works in Tiruvarur District, at a cost of Rs. 12.83 crore; in Nagapattinam District, 28 works, at a cost of Rs. 3.98 crore; in Mayiladuthurai District, 51 works, at a cost of Rs. 8.06 crore; in Pudukkottai District 31 works, at cost of Rs. 2.69 crore and in Cuddalore District 55 works, at a cost of Rs. 10 crore. Totally, 691 de-silting works for a length of 4773.13 km have been undertaken and the works are at the completion stage.

With a long-term view, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, has been taking steps every year to increase the areas under cultivation, to maintain the water sources properly and renovating the canals and channels. The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the Hon'ble Ministers, MLAs, District Collectors and Agriculture Department officials to give priority to the demands made by the farmers at the grievance redressal meetings.

**The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu reviewed the desilting operations in the C-Section canals in Muthalai Muthu Vari and Vinnamangalam in Alangudi in Thanjavur District.**

In Muthalai Muthu Vari Canal in Alangudi Village in Thanjavur District, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu reviewed the progress of de-silting operations being carried

out for a length of 3.50 km length, at a cost of Rs. 20 lakh. Due to these de-silting operations will prevent the flooding of Chennampatti, Kuruvadipatti and Nattani Villages and facilitate irrigation of 2.042 acres of agriculture land in Vannarapettai Village.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inspected the de-silting operations of E-wing Canal in Vinnamangalam Village, in Thanjavur District, being carried out by the Agriculture Engineering Department, at a cost of Rs.5 lakh for a length of 2.50 km. Due to these de-silting operations, 450 acres of cultivable lands in Bootharayanallur, Vinnamangalam, Theechasamudram and Venkatasamudram Villages will get irrigation facilities.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the de-silting operations being carried out in Koozhaiyaru in Thirumangalam Village in Lalgudi Taluk in Tiruchirappalli District, for a length of 7.79 km, at a cost of Rs. 194.80 lakh. Through these de-silting operations, the flooding of lands in Mettupatti, Thinniyam, Sengaraiyur and T. Kalvikkudi Villages will be prevented.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister later inspected the removal of thorny bushes, all along the Nandhiyar river course for a length of 5.90 km and strengthening of the banks of the river in Irudhayapuram and Vellanur Villages in Lalgudi Circle in Tiruchirappalli District, at a cost of Rs. 194.25 lakh. Through these operations, flooding of about 5,777 acres of cultivable lands in Oottathur, Nambukkurichi, Peruvalappur, Kanakkiliyanallur, Vandalaikudalur, Sangenthi and Vellanur Villages would be prevented.

When all these de-silting operations are completed, the water released from the Mettur Reservoir will reach the tail-end areas through irrigation channels without any hindrance. Also, there will be proper drainage of water during floods.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also interacted with the workers of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme at Alangudi in Lalgudi Panchayat Union in Tiruchirappalli District and heard their demands.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister was given a rousing reception by the public, wherever he went for review and the public handed over petitions to him. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu assured them that he would do the needful on their petitions.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister confers with Tamil Nadu team sent to provide relief to Balasore victims

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** held a video conference with the Tamil Nadu team which went to Odisha for rehabilitating injured persons in the Balasore train accident, and enquired about the rescue operations. 03.06.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 03.06.2023, held an advisory meeting through video conferencing, with the members of the Tamil Nadu team which went to Odisha. The Hon'ble Chief Minister enquired about the condition of the injured belonging to Tamil Nadu and the rehabilitation measures undertaken by the team.

Immediately after hearing about the major train accident in Odisha, the Hon'ble Chief Minister formed a high-level team and sent it to the accident spot for providing necessary assistance to the relatives of the deceased belonging to Tamil Nadu and medical assistance to the injured persons from the State. The team comprised Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru. S.S.Sivasankar, Thiru. Phanindra Reddy, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Transport Department, Thiru. Kumar Jayant, I.A.S.,

Additional Chief Secretary for Revenue and Disaster Management and the Teachers Recruitment Board Chairperson, Tmt. Archana Patnaik, I.A.S.

The State Ministers and the Additional Chief Secretary of the Transport Department are camping at the accident spot in Balasore and supervising the relief operations. Another team led by the Additional Chief Secretary of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department and the Chairperson of the Teachers Recruitment Board, are at the control room, exclusively formed for providing details about the accident and are collecting details about the deceased and the injured belonging to Tamil Nadu.

In the video conference, the team led by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, informed the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu that they went to the Balasore Government Hospital and checked the names of the deceased and the injured with the hospital authorities and found that there was no person who belonged to Tamil Nadu who was in the hospital.

Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin said they were also collecting details of persons admitted in the S.V.P.Hospital in Cuttack and have so far found that no one who belonged to Tamil Nadu had been admitted in that hospital also.

In 4 places in Balasore town, the bodies of 237 persons who had died in the accident had been kept and of them 70 had been identified. The District Collector had informed the team members that there too there was no one who belonged to Tamil Nadu.

They were collecting the list of passengers who had travelled in the ill-fated train with the Southern Railway Administration.

In these circumstances, the Hon'ble Chief Minister advised the team members to continue their stay in Odisha for some more days to ensure that affected passengers belonging to Tamil Nadu return safely.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also enquired with the officials of the State Emergency Centre about the details they had received. The officials informed the Hon'ble Chief Minister that 3 Medical College Hospitals have been kept ready to treat the affected passengers.

The Tamil Nadu team led by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Thiru. Navin Patnaik and interacted with him about the assistance provided by the Odisha Government to the passengers of the ill-fated train.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open 500 Urban Health Centres

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** in the first phase, declared open 500 Urban Health Centres in urban areas - 06.06.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, declared open an Urban Health Centre, set up at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh, at the Vijayaraghava Road in Teynampet, Chennai, on 06.06.2023. This is one among the 500 Urban Health Centres, declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, through video conferencing.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various health-related schemes to provide high quality medical facilities to the people, including opening new Government hospitals, constructing new Primary Health Centres, improving the infrastructure of the Government hospitals, installing new medical equipment, 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme' to achieve the 'health for all target' and 'Innuyir Kappom-Nammai Kakkum-48 Scheme' to save the lives of people injured in road accidents and various other schemes.

In this scheme of things, in connection with the completion of two years' of office by the present Government, the Hon'ble Chief Minister made an announcement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, under Rule 110, that similar to Primary Health Centres and Health Sub-Centres in rural areas, in urban areas, it has been decided to set up Urban Health Centres to provide integrated medical

facilities to the urban people and to reduce the increasing crowd in Government hospitals. These urban health centres will be set up in all the 21 Corporations, including Greater Chennai Corporation and 63 Municipalities, totalling 708 centres in the State.

In the first phase, in the Greater Chennai Corporation and other Corporations and Municipalities, 500 urban health centres have been opened at a total cost of Rs. 125 crore, one each at Rs. 25 lakh. The centre at Teynampet in Greater Chennai Corporation was declared open by the Hon’ble Chief Minister through video conferencing.

In each urban Centre, there will be a doctor, a nurse, a health inspector and a sanitary worker. For this, 500 doctors, 500 nurses, 500 health inspectors and 500 sanitary workers are to be appointed. These centres will be kept open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and from 4 pm to 8 pm. Each centre will cater to the medical requirements of 25,000 people in the surrounding areas.

These newly set up Urban Health Centres will provide a wide range of healthcare services including maternity services, treatment in pediatric and adolescence cases, family planning, infectious and non-communicable diseases, ENT cases, geriatric services, emergency services, psychiatric treatment and yoga to the urban poor in slum areas. These Urban Health Centres will act as sub centres of the urban primary health centres and provide cost-free assistance to the poor people in urban areas. These centres will also prevent people crowding into Government Hospitals and medical college hospitals for minor ailments.

**Speech delivered by the Hon’ble Chief Minister on the occasion:**

The Minister concerned with the Department has already explained everything about the functioning of the centres. I have nothing more to say as he has explained clearly and forcefully about various medical schemes being implemented in the State.

As far as this Government is concerned, the Dravidian Model Government considers education and health as its two eyes, giving top priority to medical facilities and implementing various schemes.

Today, the Government stands tall both in education and health. But this position was not seen by a leader occupying a very high position in the State. As he is not accepting the ‘Dravidian Model’ Government, every day he is expressing some criticism just to confuse the people. But people are not at all worried about his views. They have clearly understood. My view is that he should continue to speak in this way. Only then we will be inspired. The people know this.

We are going to celebrate the birth centenary of our leader, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. On behalf of the Government, we have planned to organize the celebrations throughout this year. Because this Government is his Government. During his tenure as the Chief Minister of

the State for 5 terms, he implemented many welfare schemes in the State, especially for the poor people.

- Eye Protection Scheme,
- Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity scheme,
- Varum Mun Kappom Scheme,
- Kalaignar Insurance Scheme and
- 108 Emergency Ambulance Service Scheme

are some his novel health schemes, which have been replicated by other States. These schemes are still in force in the State.

The present Government is implementing these welfare schemes in the way Muthamizharignar Kalaignar implemented them. To be precise, after taking over the Government, my participation has been highest in industry-related events. Next come health-related functions. To that extent, the Department has been seeing many advancements.

You all know the situation under which the present Government took charge of the administration. We came to power when the Corona pandemic was at its peak form. We controlled the disease effectively. You all know how our Health Minister Ma. Subramanian functioned in those days. He is not only a marathon runner but a marathon man in executing his duties.

I used to repeat this many times. Though I am the Chief Minister of the State and others are Ministers of various departments, not only Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, but all other Ministers

functioned like Health Ministers. This helped the Government combat the Corona epidemic successfully. Our officers also stood with us. When I think about that, I am really happy.

At the all-India level, the State stood among the first 3 States in Health indices. This 'he' should know. You know whom I am referring to. Generally the State's health indices are referred to, for the growth of the State, which again is linked to the medical expenses of an individual, which are very less and this shows the speciality of the Health Department.

Based on such data, on 05.08.2021, I launched the great 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' Scheme. Subsequently, the scheme was extended throughout the State. Under the scheme, so far 1.51 crore persons are the first beneficiaries and 3.04 crore persons have been getting continuous services.

The World Bank itself, in its portal, appreciated the scheme by an article. The beneficiaries get medical benefits without coming out of their houses. They are getting medical examinations, diagnosis of diseases, treatment for the diseases and medicines for the diseases, as mentioned in the article. The 'individual' who is finding fault with the scheme should read the article. In the article, it has been mentioned how women medical personnel are functioning under the scheme. We are implementing the scheme which has been appreciated by the world body.

The medical infrastructure of the State is appreciated by all. Recently, I toured Japan and Singapore to attract investments for the State. Even that was commented upon by the Opposition Leader, who said that I went not for attracting investment, but for making investments. That is his attitude. I don't want to comment on it.

Under the 'Innuyir Kappom, Nammai Kakkum- 48' Scheme, Tamil Nadu is the only State where free operations are being done on persons injured in accidents, irrespective of the State they belong to, within 48 hours. Between 18.12.2021 and 31.05.2023, the lives of 1.65 lakh injured persons have been saved at a cost of Rs. 145.27 crore.

As mentioned by the Health Minister, I am happy to announce that in connection with the Birth Centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, a multi-speciality hospital is to be opened on the 15th of this month in the name of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in Guindy. As if taking part in a marathon race, the Health and Family Welfare Department is rendering great medical service.

We had a stiff challenge during the Corona time. We successfully managed it and developed the medical infrastructure in the State. For that I extend my congratulations and best wishes not only to the Health Minister but to his subordinate at this juncture.

In this way, the ambitious scheme of Urban Welfare Health Centres has been inaugurated.

When I made the announcement about Urban Health Centres in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110, I said that they would function like the Primary Health Centres in rural areas.

I gave the directions for opening 708 Urban Health Centres in the Corporations and Municipal areas, at a cost of Rs.177 crore.

On 01.04.2022, I went to Delhi at the invitation of Delhi Chief Minister Thiru. Arvind Kejriwal and visited the urban welfare centre, known as Mohalla Clinic. At that time I was accompanied by the Department Minister and officials.

It struck me then that like strengthening the PHCs, we should extend the facility to urban areas. Based on this idea, the Urban Health Centres are coming up in the State. The permission for providing infrastructure to 708 Urban Health Centres was given for 593 centres in 2021-2022 and for the remaining 115 centres in 2022-2023. The construction work for these centres is at the completion stage. Of these, I am declaring an open 500 urban centres today and the total cost for these 500 centres will be about Rs. 125 crore. I am really happy to open these centres today.

These 708 Urban Health Centres will provide medical facilities throughout the year and arrangements have been made to supply 172 important medicines at an estimate of Rs. 66 crore and 64 lab services. There is no doubt that this welfare scheme for all is going to be a pioneering step for the entire country.

These Urban Health Centres will provide cost-free quality medical services to the poor and the downtrodden in urban areas. These centres will serve as sub centres of the Urban Primary Health Centres.

Facilities have been made to provide cost free basic health facilities to the people near their houses easily.

The health of the people is of primary importance. It is like the canvas of a painting. The Government of Tamil Nadu is firm on protecting the health of the people. It is to ensure this, that the Government has been implementing various health-related schemes, giving priority to welfare.

Medical facilities must be modernized. Our doctors should have the capacity to treat and tackle new diseases. There should be a lot of medical research. We should not only have medical doctors who treat diseases but also medical experts. These Urban Health Centres should function like the PHCs on which the poor and downtrodden put their faith.

Today, 500 Urban Health Centres have been opened. I assure you that this number will continue to increase every year. Even as schools are there near residential localities, we will create a situation when medical facilities and hospitals will be there near homes. Appealing to you to make the best use of these centres, I conclude my speech congratulating Minister, Officers of this Department and all those involved in the project. ■

## Hon'ble Chief Minister plants first sapling

# Scheme to plant 5 lakh tree saplings on the occasion of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar birth centenary

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K. Stalin** inaugurated the 5 lakh tree sapling planting scheme -07.06.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the 5 lakh tree sapling planting scheme in connection with the birth centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, by planting a sapling, at the Highways Research Station complex in Guindy on 07.06.2023.

"If we grow trees, then trees will grow us", said Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. As per his words, an announcement was made in the budget demand for Highways and Minor Ports Department for the year 2023-2024 that during the birth centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, it has been decided to plant 5 lakh tree saplings continuously without gap in the State Highways, to achieve the target.

As per the announcement, at the beginning of the birth centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the scheme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu by planting a tree sapling at the Highways Research Station complex in Guindy.

On this day, in 340 State Highways Roads in the State, about 46,410 tree saplings were planted. The saplings are of Magizham, Neem, Tamarind, 'Naaval', 'Pungan' and 'Sarakondrai'. These trees are capable of growth in 24 months. It has been planned to plant 5 lakh tree saplings before the monsoon rains.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates Industry 4.0 training for ITI students

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** after inaugurating Industries 4.0 Technology Centres at Government Industrial Training Institutes - 08.06.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 08.06.2023, on behalf of the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, declared open Industry 4.0 Technology Centres in 22 Government Industrial Technical Institutes, built at a cost of Rs.762.30 crore, at the Oragadam Government Industrial Training Institutes.

He also distributed debit cards under the Pudhumai Penn scheme to girls in the ITIs for

Rs.1,000 financial assistance for girls who had studied from 6th to 12th class in Government schools and taken up higher education. He also distributed textbooks in Tamil.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various schemes to ensure economic and technical development and to improve the employment opportunities for youth. In this, ITIs are playing a major role in providing skilled youth to the industries.

In Tamil Nadu, there are 102 Government ITIs, and 330 private ITIs. In the Government ITIs, training is given in 78 technical wings, including for Fitter, Turner, Machinist, Electrician, Welder and AC mechanism.

In the Demand for the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for the year 2021-2022, to provide employments to students who complete ITI training, to improve the training skills and convert all the Government ITIs in the State to the changing circumstances, it was announced that the Government institutes would be converted into Technology Centres, in co-ordination with the frontline industries.

As per the announcement, with the aim of enabling Tamil Nadu youths to become eligible for the future employment opportunities in tune with changing technologies, steps have been taken to impart skill development training Industry 4.0 to youth in the 71 Government industrial training institutes, at a cost of Rs. 2,877.43 crore. This is one of the major incidents in the annals of technical training institutes.

In these institutes, in co-ordination with the Tata Technologies, high grade technical training is to be given to students in Industry 4.0 new technology, gadgets, instruments and software, Robotics, industrial automation, manufacturing process control, advanced manufacturing, mechanic in electric vehicles, internet of things, additive manufacturing,

industrial painting, advanced plumbing and advanced automobile technology. With the co-operation of 20 multi-national companies under Tata Technologies limited, in the ratio of 87.5 : 12.5, both Tata Technology and the Government of Tamil Nadu are to invest for implementing the scheme.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Tata Technologies and the Government of Tamil Nadu on 14.06.2022 for starting the technology centres in 71 Government Industrial Training Institutes before 30.06.2023. First phase construction was completed in Kancheepuram District -Oragadam, Chengalpattu District – Chengalpattu, Ranipet District – Ranipet and Arakkonam, Viluppuram District – Tindivanam, Cuddalore District – Cuddalore and Chidambaram, Erode District – Erode, Tiruppur District – Darapuram, Namakkal District – Namakkal, Salem District – Salem, Madurai District – Madurai, Theni District – Theni and Bodi, Dindigul District – Dindigul, Thoothukudi District – Thoothukudi, Trichy District – Trichy, Virudhunagar District - Sattur, Virudhunagar and Aruppukottai and Tirunelveli District – Tirunelveli. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open the technology centres, set up at a cost of Rs.762.30 crore.

Through these Government Industrial Training Institutes, every year 5,140 more students would be benefited through admission. By removing the outdated technologies being taught in Government Industrial Training Institutes and introducing new technologies every year, 10,040 students will get training in Industry 4.0 technology. Diploma holders and graduates can also get training through short-term courses.

Till now the text books in these institutes were only in English. As per the announcement made in the budget demand for the year 2022-2023, Tamil books are to be supplied to the trainers and students of the Government Industrial Training Institutes, to learn without any difficulty, Tamil text books at a cost of Rs. 6.80 crore were distributed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

**Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the event**

At the outset, I extend my warm welcome to all of you.

It is a great pleasure that Thiru. N. Chandrasekaran has come here to attend the function. It is a great honour to Tamil Nadu that Thiru. Chandrasekaran, is a Tamilian belonging to Namakkal District, is the chairman of the Tata Group. It is also great to know that born in Mohanur, he studied in the Government school there and has reached the current top position. If you have intelligence and skill, you can reach the top position and for this Thiru. Chandrasekaran is an example.

Apart from the industry and commerce, Thiru. Chandrasekaran has got interest in music and photography and is well versed in those fields. Apart from all this, he has

participated in the New York marathon and created a record.

Thiru. Chandrasekaran has shown his innate keenness, prudence and spiritedness in all his multifarious activities, and has risen to this level. I am happy to congratulate and greet him on this occasion. At this juncture, I appeal to all the youth and students assembled here to take him as your role model and come up in life.

Beyond anybody's agreement or disagreement, and though some may try to hide the fact, the truth is that Tamil Nadu stands tall as a pre-eminent State in all sectors. The State shines with so many industries and a diversified economy.

The State is at the forefront in Automobiles; Electronic Instruments; Information Technology and allied industries; Financial Services and Fintech, Electric Vehicles; Leather Footwear and Non-leather Goods Manufacture; Banking, Finance, Insurance and Service Industries; Vehicle Spare parts; Engineering; Textiles; Garment Manufacture and Plastic and Chemical Industries.

In the recently released annual report of the Industries Department, it is reported that Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of industries and industrial workers. Tamil Nadu is at the forefront in the developing industries also.

- In Space and Defence,
- Agriculture and Food Processing,
- Renewable Energy,
- Electronic Designing,
- Electronic Medical instruments and electrical goods, the State has shown commendable growth.

Through their products, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are playing a leading role in the international markets.

Through the Guidance Tamil Nadu, the State signed 110 MoUs between January 2022 and May 2023. Through these MoUs, about Rs. 2,03,279 crore investment has been received facilitating employment of 1,96,596 persons. I am proud to say that these

investments will play a major role in the socio-economic development of the State.

During the year 2021-2022, the number of industries registered in Tamil Nadu was 4,79,613 and the employments created were 3,66,393. After our Government took charge, due to steps taken by the new Government, during the year 2022-2023, the number of industries registered was 7,33,296 and the employment created was 47,14,148. I am happy to put forward this fact in this meeting.

What is the reason for the creation and starting of new industries? It is that the State has the necessary infrastructure and environment. It is that the Industries have the required human resources and youth power. It is that the State is a peaceful State.

These are the reasons for the State being investment-friendly. To strengthen this further, we have been conducting such functions.

One of my dream schemes is the Naan Mudhalvan Scheme. The State's primary Skill Development Scheme is the Naan Mudhalvan scheme. After the launch of the scheme, a situation has been created for meeting the future demands for workers. To provide human resources to industries continuously and to enable Tamil Nadu youth to get exposed to employment at the international level, ITIs in the State have been providing skill development training.

To enable the youth in the State to get employment opportunities in tune with changing technologies, the 71 Government ITIs are being converted into Technology Centres at a cost of Rs. 2,877.43 crore, for providing skill development training. This is a historic event in the growth of the ITIs in Tamil Nadu. These centres with the Tata Technologies Ltd., will provide Industry 4.0 modern skill development training for the students.

To create such technology centres in 71 Government ITIs, Memorandum of Understanding has been signed. In the first phase, I am happy to inaugurate the technology training centres in 22 Government ITIs.

I extend my hearty congratulations to the Tata Group for supporting Tamil Nadu in implementing the scheme.

Through this, every year, 5,140 additional students will be benefited. Every year, 10,040 students will get Industry 4.0 quality training. The youths who get trained in these modern technologies will have great employment opportunities within the country and outside. This training programme will be a milestone in Tamil Nadu's march towards a one trillion dollar economy.

In these ITIs, apart from institute students, diploma holders, graduates, and those employed in Micro, Small and Medium Industries may also undergo the training and get the benefits.

I appeal to the students, the youth and the public to make use of these opportunities and create a prosperous future for them.

This Dravidian Model Government is based on the principle of everything for everyone. We should make students and youth have all the skills. The skill power of Tamil Nadu youth should be utilized by all. We have been formulating schemes with this view. I appeal to industries like Tata to not only develop industries but human resources also.

Thiru. Ratan Tata has said all people do not have the same skill. But the opportunity to develop skills should be the same.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is providing equal opportunities for the youth to develop their skills. I appeal to all institutions to come forward to strengthen our move. With these words, I thank all of you for giving me this opportunity to address you and conclude my speech.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

## 115 grounds of land worth Rs. 1,000 crore regained by Government through legal battles

**News in Picture**

The Additional Advocate General Thiru. J.Ravindran received the greetings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** upon retrieving the possession of 115 grounds of land worth Rs.1,000 crore through legal battles, belonging to the Horticultural Society near Anna Flyover, Chennai at the Secretariat on 06.06.2023. The Chief Secretary to Government Dr. V. Irai Anbu I.A.S., the Secretary of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department Thiru. Kumar Jayant I.A.S., and the Commissioner of Land Reforms Thiru. S. Nagarajan, I.A.S. were also present.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister appeals to Japanese companies to invest in Tamil Nadu's infrastructure sector

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at the Investors' Meet, calling upon the Japanese companies to invest more in Tamil Nadu - 29.05.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, made an official tour of Japan and Singapore to invite the industrialists of these two countries to the Global Investors' Meet to be held in Chennai during January next year. After reaching Singapore on 23.05.2023, the Hon'ble Chief Minister began his official tour of Japan.

On 29.05.2023, The Hon'ble Chief Minister, who participated in the conference, jointly organized by the Japan External Trade Organization –JETRO in Tokyo, appealed to the industrialists in Japan to invest heavily in Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to them to participate in large numbers

in the Global Investors' Meet, to be held in Chennai in January next year. In the conference, CEOs of more than 200 Japanese companies participated.

### Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the conference

We have come to Japan's Capital Tokyo today, as a part of our tour. Many people in Chennai were shocked to hear the news of the earthquake in Tokyo and enquired about the situation here with me. But I told them that as far as Tokyo is concerned, it was a regular event. Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are a daily occurrence in Japan. Whether they be natural or artificial calamities, Japanese people face them bravely and successfully.

I spent 2 days in Singapore and 3 days in Japan. The enthusiasm I saw on the faces of CEOs and the Chairmen of Japanese companies gave me great hope and energy. Tokyo, the capital of Japan, is one of the world's biggest economic cities and is the headquarters of 51 of the 500 world-renowned companies.

I am really proud to visit Japan, which withstood the upheavals of the Second World War and came out successfully through its great effort and performance.

Tokyo is a model city by its nation-wide traffic network,

- shopping malls and restaurants,
- world renowned tourist places,
- energizing natural habitats,
- traditional memorials,
- high-rise buildings and
- unique museums.

I am amazed to know that the power requirement of the companies of Tokyo is mostly met by renewable energy sources like Hydrogen and Windmills. This has broadened the horizon of my aspirations. This is how I would like to develop Tamil Nadu. I will not forget this experience in my life.

In January 2024, we are organizing a Global Investors' Meet in Chennai on a grand scale. I am making this speech with a view to invite you to the meet so that you invest heavily in our State. India and Japan are the two greatest and oldest democratic countries and India is the biggest recipient of Japan's Official Development Assistance.

The economic co-operation of these two nations has seen a big improvement in recent years. The number of Japanese companies entering the Indian Market is continuously on the rise.

Within India, Tamil Nadu is the most preferred State for investment by Japanese companies. We are making all-out efforts to make Tamil Nadu as the best investment destination in South Asia. Big Japanese companies like Nissan, Toshiba, Yamaha, Komatsu and Hitachi have set up their manufacturing units in Tamil Nadu.

Not only that, out of 12 industrial townships in India under the Japan-India Development Partnership, 3 are in India.

As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, it continuously takes steps to improve the relationship with Japan. Along with MoU with METI, with JETRO and JCCI, economic Memoranda of Understanding also have been signed with Kanagawa and Hiroshima Prefectures. MoUs have been signed with the biggest Japanese Bank, Bank of Tokyo and Mitsubishi and Mizuho. Talks are on with other Prefectures also.

Tamil Nadu is playing a major role in the growth of the Indian economy and in this connection, it has planned to improve its economy into a One trillion US Dollar Economy by 2030-2031. We are moving towards achieving the target.

In the past two years, we have been conducting investment improvement conferences and so far 226 MoUs have been signed. Investments to the tune of Rs. 2,95,339 crore have been attracted.

In the past two years alone, MoUs have been signed with 5 Japanese companies, for an investment of Rs.5,596 crore, which facilitated employment to 4,244 people.

I want to place certain demands before the Japanese companies.

Japanese companies are mostly interested in investing in the manufacturing sector. I appeal to you to extend your horizon to infrastructure development also.

Investing in infrastructure development will help you to develop your manufacturing schemes also.

We are ready to set up new industrial parks and want you to invest in these parks.

When you start new industries in our State, you should also set up your head offices in our State. This is my appeal to you.

We are transforming the youth of the State into skilled youth. Under the 'Naan Mudhalvan Scheme', students and youths are being made versatile at the school and college level. Women are being invested with many skills. So Tamil Nadu will provide skill-developed youths to your companies.

The Government of Tamil Nadu will openly support your companies. I want the Japanese companies to make use of the administrative assistance and human resources of the State. The Government of Tamil Nadu is to host the Global Investors Meet in Chennai on January 10 and 11 of 2024. I appeal to you to participate in large numbers in this global conference.

Following the investors' conference, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had lunch with the chairmen of the major Japanese companies and interacted with them.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister tells Japanese companies: will roll out red carpet if you invest in Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, was on an official tour of Singapore and Japan to improve the economic and trade relations between Tamil Nadu and Japan, to invite Japanese companies to participate in the Global Investors Meet in Chennai in January next year and to appeal for investments by Japanese companies in Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Chief Minister reached Singapore on 23.05.2023. He then met and interacted with the CEOs of

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin,** appealed for investments in Tamil Nadu and invited Japanese industrialists to participate in the Global Investors Meet in Chennai in January next year - 26.05.2023.

Singapore companies and Hon'ble Ministers on 24.05.2023 and 25.05.2023. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also participated in the Investors meet held there.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister who left Singapore in the morning of 25.05.2023 reached Osaka in Japan later in the night.

On 26.05.2023, the Hon'ble Chief Minister participated in the investors meet, organized jointly with the Japan External Trade Organization. In this meet, about 80 chief executives of Japanese companies participated.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Daicel Safety Systems and the Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the expansion of the Airbag Inflator Plant in Thiruporur in Chengalpattu District. The MoU was signed on behalf of the Daicel Company by its head of business operations, Thiru. Ken Bando and on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau, by its Managing Director, Thiru. V.Vishnu, I.A.S., The Managing Director of Daicel Safety Systems India Thiru. Chihiro Aoki was also present.

**Address of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the conference**

I have come here as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in India. Osaka is a beautiful city where you get all types of food and have many beautiful buildings. This town seeks friendship of all people. I am not new to Japan. Similarly, you are not new to me.

I am reminded of my visit to Tokyo in the year 2008 to get financial assistance for the Chennai Metro Rail Scheme and for the Hogenakkal Combined Water Supply Scheme. Both the Chennai Metro Rail Scheme and the Hogenakkal Combined Water Supply Scheme are very, very important schemes for Tamil Nadu. When we sought Assistance from Japan it did not let us down.

In the year 2010, a joint meeting of the Japan-Tamil Nadu Industries Department was held in Chennai. At that time, I was the Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Economy, Trade and Industry Minister of Japan Thiru. Masayuki Naoshima came to Chennai and participated in the meeting.

At that time, he declared open the Japanese External Trade Organisation in Chennai. This office came to Chennai at the request of the then Chief Minister Dr.Kalaignar. At that time, there were about 840 Japanese units in India. Of these 170 units were functioning in Tamil Nadu. The Japanese foreign office was inaugurated at that time for co-ordination. Addressing the inaugural function of the office, I appealed to private companies in Japan to open their units in Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Japanese Minister Masayuki Naoshima said that Chennai is the gateway for Asian nations.

I have come from that gateway of Asia. The Government of Tamil Nadu has planned to conduct a Global Investors Meet in Chennai on January 10 and 11 of 2024. I appeal to Japan to extend its co-operation to that Meet. We are going to many nations to extend our invitations for the Meet. Singapore and Japan are the first two countries that are being extended an invitation in this regard. Both India and Japan are the oldest and the biggest democracies. India receives the maximum assistance from the Official Development Assistance – ODA. The economic relations between the two countries have improved a lot in the past few years. The presence of Japanese companies has shown a big rise. In India, Tamil Nadu stands as the foremost State receiving your investments.

The economic relationship between the two countries has seen a spurt in the recent past. The number of companies setting up units in India has been on the rise. We are making every attempt to make Tamil Nadu the most favoured destination for investment in South Asia. Many Japanese companies have selected Tamil Nadu and started their projects.

* Nissan,
* Toshiba,
* Yamaha,
* Komatsu,
* Yorozu,
* Hitachi and
* Unipress have set up their units in Tamil Nadu. The list goes on.
* Under the India-Japan Promotion Partnership, 3 out of 12 Industrial townships that have been set up, are in Tamil Nadu.
* I would like to share the happy news that there is a large Japanese population living in Tamil Nadu.
* MoUs with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and with JETRO and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI),
* Economic Memorandum of Understanding with Kanagawa and Hiroshima provinces,
* Memoranda of Understanding with three major banks of Japan, including Bank of Tokyo…such is the growth of our partnership.
* Talks are going on with other Provinces.

Tamil Nadu plays a leading role in designing the growth of India. We have fixed a target of One trillion US Dollar Economy before the end of financial year 2030 and are working towards it. In the last 2 years alone, we have entered into MoUs with 5 Japanese companies and received investments to the tune of Rs.5,596 crore and facilitated employment for 4,244 persons.

We have entered into MoU with

* Daicel Corporation,
* Mitsubishi,

* Motherson Auto Solutions and
* Reno-Nissan Expansion Scheme. We are also in talks with many companies and have released many industrial policies to facilitate their investment.

New Policies released include,

* Financial Technology Policy,
* Export Promotion Policy,
* Bio-technology Policy,
* Research and Development Policy,
* AeroSpace and Defense Policy,
* Footwear and Leather Policy and
* Special Incentive Scheme for Textile Technology. We are also going to release Policies for many other Sectors.
* We have also introduced a single Window Portal 2.0 and TNSWP App to facilitate early clearance for every scheme.
* These are the reasons why Tamil Nadu is being considered as the most investment-friendly State. That is why we appeal to you to join us. At present, manufacturing units of Japan alone have been showing interest in investing in Tamil Nadu.

But I want you to expand your horizon and invest in the development schemes also. We have set up industrial parks in various Districts.

* Medical Equipment Park,
* Food Parks, E-Vehicle Park and future Cities Park,
* Electronic Cluster Parks,
* Integrated Garment and Textile Parks, Footwear and Cluster Production parks and Fintech City. Besides, we are improving infrastructure in various fields.

I appeal to you for your investments. Japan is one of the greatest economic countries in the world.

No nation can grow independently. Only through mutual co-operation and good relationships, growth is possible. I want you to make use of the good relationship with India for the development of Tamil Nadu. Japan is a country. Japan is a country with high moral standards. With that basis, we welcome the investors with red-carpet reception, to contribute to the industrial and economic development of Tamil Nadu, and by saying this I conclude my speech.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

The Hon'ble Chief Minister then interacted with CEOs of various Japanese companies over a lunch meeting. In this meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister met the Vice-Governor of Osaka Province, Thiru. Nobuhiko Yamaguchi.

# In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Six MoUs were signed with Singapore bodies

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** after six Memoranda of Understanding were signed in his presence, in the Singapore Investors Meet -24.05.2023.

In keeping with Tamil Nadu's vital role in shaping the Indian economy, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been functioning with the target to achieve a One Trillion US Dollar economy by 2030-2031.

To attract new investments and to bring new technologies to Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin made an official visit to Singapore and Japan on 23.05.2023 to invite investors for the Global Investors Meet to be held in Chennai in January 2024.

In this connection, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu met the CEOs of Temasek, Sembcorp and CapitaLand and the Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Trade at Singapore on 24.05.2023.

**Address of the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the investors' meet**

I am very happy to meet you all in Singapore, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Singapore is the best country in beauty and calmness. There is discipline, elegance and cleanliness. That is Singapore. Singapore is a benchmark for other countries in the maximum utilization of technologies and successful management of many challenges in urban administration.

I am really happy to meet you all in this country of such distinction.

We don’t consider Singapore as another nation. This is so because our native language, Tamil, is the official language of this country. There has been a special relationship between the two countries for a very long time.

In the Singapore Government Schools, Tamil is the second language right from primary class to graduate courses. For us who consider Tamil as our breath, this is music to our ears.

I need not explain much about Tamil Nadu. You know about Tamil Nadu, like we know about Singapore. The Government of Tamil Nadu is taking major initiatives in many fields like science and technology, higher education and so on. This is to further increase the growth of our State and to transform our economy.

As a part of such efforts, we have planned to host the Global Investors Meet in January 2024 on a large scale. We are visiting many countries to invite investors to Tamil Nadu. I have come here to invite you to my State.

The Singapore Minister for Transport and Trade Thiru. Eswaran, met me when he came to Chennai. Attracted by his attitude, I planned my visit to Singapore. Both of us talked exhaustively about the economic relations, culture and commerce between the two countries.

You all know that Singapore is one of the major investors in Tamil Nadu. There are about 30 Singapore companies in Tamil Nadu. Ascendas has the biggest IT Park in Taramani, Chennai. Besides, companies like Temasek, DBS Bank, Singapore Airlines and Mapletree are doing business in Tamil Nadu.

In order to play a vital role in shaping the economy of India, we, in Tamil Nadu have set ourselves the target of a One Trillion Dollar Economy by the year 2030. We are taking all efforts to achieve the target.

On this occasion, I appeal to you to invest on a large scale in Tamil Nadu, which will be beneficial to both Tamil Nadu and Singapore.

I appeal to companies which have a base in Tamil Nadu to focus on this. In the last 2 years, many investor meets have been held and through them 226 new MoUs have been signed.

Through these MoUs, investments to the tune of Rs 2,95,339 crore and employment for 4,12,565 persons have been ensured. In the

last 2 years, 4 Singapore companies have entered into agreements for investments to the tune of Rs. 4,800 crore. These investments have provided employment to 6,200 persons.

We are in talks with companies for many schemes. The speciality in these talks is that a variety of companies have invested in Tamil Nadu.

Companies in the field of Electronics, Auto Spare parts, Free trade Economic Zones, IT, Food Processing, Pharma and Textiles have come forward to invest in Tamil Nadu.

Investments in new fields like charging stations for electric vehicles are coming up. These schemes have been taken up to have an even and broad-based growth of all districts in Tamil Nadu.

After careful examination of every department and consultations with the companies concerned, we have released policies for various Departments.

We have released many policies like Fintech Policy, R and D Policy, Aerospace and Defence Policy, Footwear and Leather Product Policy and Special Scheme for Tech Textiles. We want to set up a Fintech City in the State, for which we need your expertise and experience. At the same time your commercial horizon will expand and grow. We need your co-operation in Industrial park development, urban infrastructure, industrial corridors, development of ports, urban infrastructure, sewage and solid waste management, desalination of sea water and tourism-related projects. I appeal to you to join us in a grand scale for our march towards development and be a major partner in implementing the development projects.

The environment in Tamil Nadu is conducive to investment. Not only developed nations, even developing nations are investing in our country. We welcome your esteemed investments. Today, the SIPCOT entered into an MoU with the Singapore-India Partnership Office. Through this, steps will be taken for framing policies and yardsticks for quality infrastructure, ensuring clean environment, wastewater management, low-cost housing, financial infrastructure, greening and construction of green buildings and measures to upgrade the quality of Industrial Parks.

I hope I have explained to some level about our expectations. As I informed you earlier, we are hosting a Global Investors Meet in Chennai, the Capital of Tamil Nadu on January 10 and 11 of 2024. I take great pleasure in inviting you all to take part in the event and to be a partner country.

My request is for Singapore, a country that makes immigrants prosper, to come to Tamil Nadu and do the same for the State.

On the occasion, 6 MoUs were signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

**Details of the MoUs:**

Memorandum of Understanding between the Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau and the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (SICCI) for research and innovation, co-operation between universities, Government companies, and private sector and support for export process of companies in Tamil Nadu.

MoU signed between Singapore India Partnership Office (SIPO) – SIPCOT of Tamil Nadu for economic activities and support in growth process.

MoU signed between Singapore India Partnership Office (SIPO) and FaMeTN (Facilitating MSMEs of Tamil Nadu) and Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) for technical education and start-ups through StartupTN.

MoU signed between Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau and Hi-P International Pvt, Ltd., of Singapore for an investment of Rs.312 crore and employment for setting up an electronic spare parts company. These investments have provided employment to 700 persons.

MoU signed between Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau and Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) for a knowledge partner in preparing the syllabus for technical and design education, taking into consideration the future needs in technology.

MoU signed between Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau and the ITE Education Services of Singapore for a long-term co-operation in technology and technical education, in setting up skill development schools in companies in Tamil Nadu and in their management.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister unveils 'Vergalai Thedi' Scheme in Singapore for non-resident Tamils

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the 'Vergalai Thedi' Scheme for non-resident Tamils in Singapore, and addressed the gathering - 24.05.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin participated in a Tamil art and culture function, organized jointly with the Singapore Tamil Associations and inaugurated the 'Vergalai Thedi' Scheme for non-resident Tamils, on 24.05.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the 'Vergalai Thedi', an organization for non-resident Tamils to renew their contact with the roots of Tamil Nadu and to exchange the Tamil, Art and Culture with migrated Tamils. Every year 200 non-resident Tamil youths are to be selected and they will be taken a cultural tour to Tamil Nadu, where they will be given opportunity to exchange their views on ancient Tamils' architecture, sculptures, water management, Garments, and jewelleries, art and culture, archaeological findings, interaction with scholars and educationists. The Hon'ble Chief Minister after inaugurating the programme, handed over certificates to 10 youths, who have been selected for cultural tours.

### Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the function

I welcome the Hon'ble Singapore Minister Thiru. Ka. Shanmugam, who has come here to participate in the function, Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. T.R.B. Rajaa, Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu Dr.V.Irai Anbu, I.A.S., Government officials

from Tamil Nadu, Member of the non-resident Tamils Welfare Board, Thiru. Ram, function co-ordinator and former MP, Thiru. Ravindran, Indian Envoy for Singapore, Thiru. Kumaran, office-bearers of various Tamils Associations in Singapore and my Singapore brothers.

When speaking of Tamil, one is always reminded of Dr. Kalaignar's sweet paean 'Odainarumalare…' which ends with his call to Tamil as the 'Beacon to humanity' (Manpadhai Vilakke). Despite all such epithets addressing Tamil as Tamil itself brings so much joy! This function has been organized by those working in Singapore on behalf of Tamil organizations. I am happy that I have been given an opportunity to participate in this function and be with you all. For this, I thank those who have given me this opportunity.

I am really energized on seeing you all. I don't feel like having come all the way to Singapore from Tamil Nadu by crossing the seas. I feel that I am in Tamil Nadu itself. To such an extent, Singapore has become part of myself.

Singapore is the first country to adopt the reforms in the Tamil script and it was a Tamil daily in Singapore that adopted the reformed Tamil script. For this, I thank the first Prime Minister of Singapore, Thiru. Lee Kuan Yew, on behalf of the Tamils in Tamil Nadu.

Though Singapore is a small island, it has achieved phenomenal economic growth, industrial development, construction, shipping and air travel. This was possible due to Singapore's first Prime Minister, Hon'ble Lee Kuan Yew. I am proud to say that a Tamilian was the President of the Island for about 12 years and he is none other than Thiru. S.R.Nathan.

It is a glory to all Tamils living all over the world. Similarly, the basic reason for the Singapore Tamils to prosper in the Island, is Tamilvel G. Sarangapany, a disciple of late Thanthai Periyar. It was Sarangapani who started the Tamils Reform Association in Singapore.

It was he who invited Perarignar Anna for the Tamilar festival and made him address the gatherings in the presence of Thiru. Lee Kuan Yew. Nobody could forget that it was Tamilvel Sarangapany who made Tamils here to become citizens of the Island.

There is no place in the world where there are no Tamils. For all the Tamils, living all over the world, the Dravidian movement is the polestar. Thanthai Periyar visited Singapore twice and planted his revolutionary ideas here. Both Perarignar Anna and Tamil leader Dr.Kalaignar came here and nurtured Tamil feelings.

Now I have come here to see you as the new flowers of the Dravidian movement. The Tamil language and Tamil Nadu and Dravidian ideals unite us, and these cannot be separated by any religion and caste.

We have found archaeological evidence for the glory of Tamil. On the basis of scientific evidence, the Tamil Nadu Archaeological Department has established that Tamils of 6th century BCE were educated and literate.

The artefacts found in the excavations of Keeladi Village have been displayed in a museum for the Tamils all over the world to see. It was inaugurated by me recently. Similarly, another museum is to be inaugurated in Porunai in Tirunelveli District. I have already said the history of India should be written from Tamil Nadu only. The present D.M.K. Government is for retaining the glory of Tamil.

Recently, I released a book by the name 'Oru Panbaattin Payanam' by retired I.A.S., Officer Thiru. R.Balakrishnan. The book makes every Tamilian proud of being a Tamilian.

The Indus Civilization is 5,000 years old. The language spoken by the people in the Indus Valley was Tamil. Those who lived there were the ancestors of the Sangam period. The roots of Tamils do not end in Tamil Nadu. They are spread all over the world. You, as Singapore Tamils, are heirs to such a great culture.

I greet you that this peaceful life here for you should continue. The Prime Ministers of the country have converted Ordinary Singapore into a country of International fame. The glory of the first Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew, continues even today. He developed trade relationships with India. In this glory, the former Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong also has a role. The present Prime Minister continues to firm the relations between the two countries. As a continuation of this, I have come here to invite Singapore entrepreneurs to invest in Tamil Nadu.

that formed the Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Department.

- Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Fund was formed;
- A database was created for Non-Resident Tamils, funds were given;
- Legal assistance centre has been set up;

New agreements have been signed. In January next year, Tamil Nadu is to host the Global Investors' meet. I have come here to invite Singapore companies for the investors' meet. Tamils, who are entrepreneurs in Singapore should take supportive steps.

After the formation of the DMK Government in the State, it is serving as a lighthouse not only for the people of Tamil Nadu but for Tamils all over the world. For the welfare of non-resident Tamils, and to meet their genuine demands, the DMK Government has enacted the Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Act, 2011. It was announced that a Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Board would be formed and various welfare measures implemented for them. But after the change of Government, the subsequent Government dropped the move. Those who came after that did not take much interest in that Act. After we came to power again, we formed the Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Association. Apart from this, it was the D.M.K. Government

- Credit facility with subsidy has been arranged for those who return to the native country for starting small industries;
- Facilities are being created for the migrant Tamils and their children to study the Tamil language;
- Various associations formed in various countries by Non-Resident Tamils are co-ordinated and every year January 12 is observed as World Non-Resident Tamils Day

You have given various demands. It can be formally announced only in Tamil Nadu.

The demands include:

- Books of Tamil writers, settled in other countries like Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore should be purchased and kept in Tamil Nadu libraries;

- Non –resident Tamil youths should be taken on a cultural tour to Tamil Nadu;
- Non-Resident Tamil Scholars and Tamil writers should be honoured with awards;
- Art and cultural exchanges must be arranged and traditional artistes must be encouraged to tour the nations where Tamils have migrated.

You have placed these demands and I can take decisions only after reaching Chennai. This much I can assure you now. I appeal to non-resident Tamils to come to Tamil Nadu and improve their commercial activities. I assure you that Tamil Nadu will provide you the facilities and permissions to do so.

Tamil Nadu is growing in all fields. Everything is for all and on this basis, the Dravidian Model Government is running the State. The State Government is working towards the target of converting Tamil Nadu into a one trillion US Dollar economy.

That is the reason why we have been organizing various investment meets. In January next year, we are holding a Global Investors Meet. I would like a good number of Singapore industrialists to participate in this meet.

Only due to Thiru. Lee Kuan Yew, known as the father of Singapore, the Tamils here have reached this position. Lee Kuan Yew was attracted by the speech of Perarignar Anna. He fondly referred Anna as his elder brother. He also invited Arignar Anna to his office and hosted him a feast. That is why when Lee Kuan Yew died, Dr. Kalaignar in his obituary message described him as the hero of Singapore.

At this juncture, I would like to share some good news with you. We have decided to set up a memorial for Lee Kuan Yew in Mannargudi, Tamil Nadu. Most of the Singapore Tamils have some connections with people living in villages in and around Mannargudi. Every house in Paravakkottai, Koopachikottai, Thirumakottai, Ullikkottai, Melathirupalakudi, Keezhatihrupalakudi, Alankottai, Neduvakkottai and Melavasal Villages have some links with Singapore. Most of the Tamils here are from these areas. So, I am happy to announce that a library and a statue of Lee Kuan Yew will be installed in Mannargudi.

You should all join together to lift up Tamil Nadu which upholds your interests. I heartily thank you for this reception that you have given me. I wish you all the best and all prosperity in your life not only as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu but as one of you, as an affectionate sibling to you.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

# Six MoUs signed with Japanese companies for investments of Rs.818.90 crore

In the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** six MoUs have been signed with Japanese Companies - 29.05.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, undertook an official tour of Japan and Singapore to invite industrialists of those countries to the Global Investors Meet at Chennai in 2024 and to seek investments for Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, who went to Singapore on 23.05.2023, went to Japan after completing his two-day official tour of Singapore.

In continuation of this, on 29.05.2023, the Hon'ble Chief Minister participated in the Investors meet organized by the Japan External Trade Organization. At the meet, the Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to the Japanese companies to invest heavily in Tamil Nadu and also appealed to them to take part in the Chennai Global Investors Meet to be held in Chennai in January next year in large numbers.

Following this, in the evening six Japanese companies signed Memoranda of Understanding in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

**The following companies have signed the Memoranda of Understanding:**

1. The Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau signed a MoU with KyoKuto Satrac for setting up a tractor Spare Parts unit, at a cost of Rs.113.90 crore on an area of 13-acres in the SIPCOT Industrial Park at Gummidipoondi in Kancheepuram District.
2. The Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau signed a MoU with Mitsuba for setting up the Mitsuba India Company, at a cost of Rs.155 crore in Gummidipoondi SIPCOT Industrial Park Complex, for a 4-wheeler and 2-wheeler spare parts manufacturing company.
3. The Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Shimizu Corporation for undertaking construction, construction engineering and allied trade in Tamil Nadu.
4. The Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau entered into an understanding with Kohyei for setting up a company to manufacture Polycarbonate sheet, roofing structures and extrusion lines for electronic components for use in construction industries, at a cost of Rs.200 crore.
5. The Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau and Sato-Shoji Metal Works signed an MoU worth Rs.200 crore plant to manufacture high-quality steel components used in the space, defence and construction industries
6. The Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau and Tofle signed a MoU for manufacturing Stainless Steel Specialized Flexible Hoses Unit, at a cost of Rs. 150 crore, for the use of Solar, Steel Mills, Space and Low Conductor units.

Totally, MoUs for investments to the tune of Rs. 818.90 crore were signed in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

# MoUs worth Rs. 3,233 crore signed with Singapore and Japanese companies

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 31.05.2023 at the Chennai Airport, following his official tour to Singapore and Japan to attract investments for Tamil Nadu.

With all your good wishes, my official tour to Singapore and Japan ended successfully. To put it in a nutshell, this tour has strengthened the good relationship between Japan and Tamil Nadu, both economically and industrially. You all know that Japan has a major role in the implementation of two major schemes, Hogenakkal combined water supply scheme

and Chennai Metro Rail scheme in Tamil Nadu.

Japan leads the world in the manufacturing sector. At the same time, the D.M.K. Government's target is to make Tamil Nadu the major manufacturing centre in Asia. In this connection, the former Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, made an advance visit to Japan and prepared the ground for inviting investments. Our target is to attract at least Rs. 3,000 crore to Tamil Nadu and we planned for it.

In this connection, the former Minister for Industries Minister Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu and the present Minister for Industries Thiru. T.R.B.Rajaa and the officials of the Ministry concerned functioned effectively, and held discussions with the CEOs of major Japanese companies. One of the major steps, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Mitsubishi for Rs. 1,891 crore, in my presence at Chennai for the manufacture of air-conditioner units.

Subsequently, MoUs were signed with hibi – Rs. 312 crore, Daicel – Rs.83 crore, KyoKuto – Rs. 113.9 crore, Mitsuba India – Rs.155 crore, Polyhose Tofle – Rs.150 crore, Polyhose Kohyei - Rs.200 crore, Polyhose Sato-Shoji Rs. 200 crore and OMRON Health Care - Rs. 128 crore. Totally, Memoranda of Understanding to the tune of Rs.3,233 crore have been signed. I am happy to announce that these MoUs will facilitate direct and indirect employment to over 5,000 people.

Apart from these MoUs, agreements have been signed for the development of Micro, Small and Medium industries, for the growth of technical education and skill development in higher education. Agreements have been signed with many premier companies of many departments. I firmly believe that these industries will be instrumental in taking the State to the next level of industrialization and development. In Osaka and Tokyo cities in Japan, I met the chairmen of various frontline companies. Similarly in Singapore, I met the Hon'ble Minister for Law and Home and Hon'ble Minister for Industry and Commerce and discussed with them various future plans for industrial development. I explained to them that Tamil Nadu shines as the State most conducive to investments.

We came to know that many industries in Singapore and Japan are interested in making investments in Tamil Nadu. Further, I also insisted upon the Industries Minister and officials of the Industries Department to make all efforts to provide the necessary assistance to the companies to invest in Tamil Nadu. In this connection, I appealed to them to participate in the Global Investors Meet to be held in Chennai on January 10 and 11 next year. They all accepted the invitation and Chairmen of many big companies have assured me of their participation in the conference. I would like to give, through you, the information that the conference will be conducted in a grand manner by the Government of Tamil Nadu. ■

# 'Architect of Modern Tamil Nadu'

Tamil society, which was suppressed for over 1000 years by 'Sanathana Dharma', firmly stood up against it, due to the birth of the Dravidian movement. The movement was born to protect this land and the Tamil people, because of the seeds sown by great persons from Buddha to Vallalar.

Following the struggle of Athipakkam Venkatachalanar, Panditha Ayothidasar, Thatha Rettaimalai Srinivasan, Pitty Theagarayar, Natesanar, T.M.Nair, A.P.Pathro, M.C.Raja, Panagal Arasar, Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna, who were born to protect the self-respect and the reasoning ability of Tamils, it was Dr.Kalaignar, who led the self-respect movement.

It is Dr.Kalaignar, who was the architect of modern Tamil Nadu with hundreds of social welfare schemes.

On this day of the birth centenary of Thalaivar Kalaignar, who towers as its identity, let us all vow to protect the rights of Tamil Nadu and attain the objectives of our movement.

*Social media message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu* ***Thiru. M.K.Stalin,*** *in connection with the birth centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar-03.06.2023.*

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# Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over cheque for Champions Foundation to Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** handed over a cheque for Rs.5 lakh from his own funds for the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation - 22.05.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin handed over a cheque for Rs. 5 lakh from his own funds for the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation to the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin at the Secretariat on 22.05.2023.

The Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation has been formed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 08.05.2023, with a view to make Tamil Nadu the Sports capital of India, by creating the most modern sports infrastructure and a conducive atmosphere to enthuse the sports persons. It aims for proper trouble-free co-ordination between the Government and the stakeholders by making the best use of funds received from big companies and private donors.

The formation of the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation, its functions of its members and director are registered under the Tamil Nadu Registration Act. There is a seven-member Administrative Committee including the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development as the Chairman and the Additional Secretary of the Youth Welfare and Sports Development as the Vice-Chairman of the Foundation.

For better utilization of the Foundation's funds and for implementing the best practices, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has donated Rs. 5 lakh from his own funds to the foundation. The cheque was handed over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin.

# ‘Let us ensure the proper nourishment of the children of Tamil Nadu’

Two months after taking over the Government, I suggested at a review meeting of the Social Welfare Department that steps should be taken to make Tamil Nadu a State free from nutrition deficiency.

Subsequent statistics worried me. Children below the age of 6 in Tamil Nadu were suffering from malnutrition and their growth, weight and height were not in keeping with their age.

Subsequently, the Government vowed to make the children fit and announced a nutrition scheme on the first day of the second year of assuming office.

Within a few weeks, I declared open special camps on May 21 in Muthorai Children’s Home in the Nilgiris District, to identify malnourished children.

Following this, on February 28 this year, I launched 7 schemes to ensure sufficient nutrition for children. Under the scheme, about 1,11,216 highly nutrition deficient children below 6 years, will be given RUTF food. To ensure mother’s milk to 11,917 nutrient deficient kids of less than 6 months, I inaugurated distribution of nutrition packs to the mothers.

The growth of the children who were given nutritious food and medical assistance, was monitored. The success of this scheme has been graphically conveyed by this piece of writer Saravanan Chandran.

I congratulate the Ministers, officials and employees for this. Let us ensure proper nutrition to children and make them bright, knowledgeable children of the State.

*-Social media post of the*
*Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu*
***Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 19.05.2023.*

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# Hon'ble Chief Minister opens 16 sub-stations, dedicates 67 upgraded transformers for use

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** declared open 16 sub-stations and upgraded 67 high capacity transformers -19.05.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, at the Secretariat on 19.05.2023, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation and the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation, inaugurated 16 new sub-stations, at a cost of Rs. 1,859.12 crore and upgraded the 67 power transformers to 853 MVA capacity in 65 sub-stations, at a cost of Rs.143.88 crore.

Both the Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation and the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation have taken steps to improve the power situation in the State for supplying uninterrupted power to the growing industries, agriculture, trade and Information technology centres, Metro Rail, and power-charging centres of electric vehicles. To improve the power situation and to utilize green energy like solar and wind power to the full extent, more sub-stations are being set up and the capacity of existing sub-stations is being improved by introducing new ratios and providing high capacity transformers in the existing sub-stations.

### Inauguration of 16 newly installed Power Sub-Stations

A new Gas Insulated sub-station of 400 KV in Pulianthope in Chennai District and 400 KV sub-station at Ottapidaram

in Thoothukudi District, both totally costing Rs. 1,718.95 crore;

Ariyalur – Naduvalur, Chengalpattu District – Padur; Krishnagiri District – Penneswaramadam (introduction of new ratio); Madurai District – Thaniyamangalam (New Ratio); The Nilgiris District – Malarpettu; Salem District – Nanthakarai and Thiruvallur District – Arasur. Seven new 110 KV sub-stations installed at a total cost of Rs. 94.20 crore.

Chengalpattu District – Pudupakkam; Chennai District – Alwarthirunagar; Kancheepuram District – Mathur; Pudukkottai District - Nagarapatti; Thiruvallur District – Tirumalaivasan Nagar and Tiruvarur District – Adiyakkamangalam and Edamelaiyur. Seven new 33/11 KV sub-stations, totaling Rs. 45.97 crore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open 16 new sub-stations, installed at a total cost of Rs. 1,859.12 crore.

## Commissioning of 67 upgraded transformers in 65 sub-stations

Chengalpattu District – Indalur, Illedu and Kadaperi; Coimbatore District – Bhavani Barrage, Pattanam, Race Course and Kaduvettipalayam; Cuddalore District – Vellakarai; Dharmapuri District – Bommidi; Dindigul District – Pappampatti, Lakshmanampatti and Natham; Erode District- T.N.Palayam, N.Mettupalayam, Kasipalayam and Vendipalayam: Kallakurichi District – Mungilpadi and Asanur; Kancheepuram District – Pallikaranai, Singadivakkam, Sriperumbudur SIPCOT; Karur District – Ayyarmalai and Puliyur; Krishnagiri District – Kurubarapalli, Bagalur, Kamanthotti, and Zuzuvadi; and Mayiladuthurai District – Manalmedu and Palaiyur;

Namakkal District - Puthansandai and Valayapatti; Pudukottai District – Karambakudi, Paakudi, Malaiyur and T.Nallur; Ramanathapuram District – Kadaladi; Ranipet District – Punnai ; Salem District - Minnampalli; Sivagangai District – Ilayangudi; Tenkasi District – Sankarankovil; Thanjavur District – Mariamman Kovil; Theni District – Vannathiparai, Markayankottai and Thevaram; Thiruvallur District – Tiruttani, Thiruvallur, Pattabiram, Gummidipoondi SIPCOT III, Nolambur, Thervoy Kandigai and Mappedu; Tiruvannamalai District – Keezhpennathur, Chetpet, Kanji; Tiruppur District – Periyar Nagar, Naranapuram and Eripalayam; Tiruchirapalli District – Vaiyampatti, Viluppuram District – Tindivanam, Marakkanam, Thayanur and Elamangalam; and Virudhunagar District – Vathirayiruppu (Watrap), Muthuramalingapuram and Anuppankulam.

67 transformers in 65 sub-stations were upgraded to 853 MVA capacity, at a cost of Rs. 143.88 crore and dedicated for use by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

# Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates completed projects of Greater Chennai Corporation

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open completed projects on behalf of the Greater Chennai Corporation - 12.05.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin declared open from the Secretariat through video conferencing, on 12.05.2023, completed projects worth Rs. 35.79 crore, on behalf of the Greater Chennai Corporation and the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department. The completed projects include renovation of schools, 19 new parks, renovation of one park, 5 new playgrounds and 5 Urban Primary Health Centres.

To improve the infrastructure of Chennai, the Greater Chennai Corporation has been embarking on various schemes, including laying new roads, repairing old, damaged roads, constructing new buildings to improve the quality of schools, opening new primary health centres and public toilets to promote public hygiene and health, setting up new parks with lot of trees to reduce the mental stress of people and to protect their health, forming new playgrounds with sports equipment to encourage sports activities among people, segregation of waste as bio-degradable and recyclable, forming rain water drains to prevent flooding of streets during monsoons and improving water bodies.

### Renovation of schools

The following schools were renovated: Chennai High Schools and Chennai Primary School in Sharma Nagar, Tondiarpet have been renovated at a cost of Rs. 2.40 crore; Chennai High School and Chennai Primary School on Manikandan Street on Royapuram - Cemetry Road, at a cost of Rs. 4.53 crore; Chennai Higher secondary School and Chennai Primary Schools on Subbarayan Street in Anna Nagar- Shenoy Nagar, at a cost of Rs. 4 crore and Chennai Middle School in Adyar - Gandhi Gramam, at a cost of Rs. 2.06 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the schools.

### New and renovated parks

Open ground at Athipet on the Ambattur-Vanagaram Road; Open ground in the Rail Vihar Colony in the T.I. Cycle Road; Open ground in the New Century Hospital on the Tamiraparani

Road; Open Ground near the Emerald EB Office, Open ground in Narayana Nagar, Open Ground in the TVS Avenue 34th Street and open ground in the HIG Plots in Thirumangalam; Sholinganallur - Nookampalayam Link Road (near CF IT office), Vinayagar Nagar - Okkiyam Thoraipakkam Foundry Street, Valasaravakkam - Nolambur S&B Garden 8th Street, Thiruvalluvar Road in Royapuram, Madhavapuram-Thangal bank Road, Madhavaram - Meenambal Avenue (Shastri Nagar); Jai Maruthi Nagar (West); Mettur Link Road (SIS) Capetown; Adyar-Leela Palace, Somerset and Jain Sagarika. In these 19 places new parks, at a cost of Rs.9.12 crore and renovated park at Sholinganallur - Sakthi Nagar costing Rs. 81 lakh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated these parks.

### New Playgrounds

Five new playgrounds, one each at Open Ground on the Royapuram -Katpada Main Road, Madhavaram and Madhavaram Ring Road and M.G.R Second Street, Alandur Sethulakshmi Avenue and Gandhi Street in Ganga Nagar, at a total cost of Rs. 2.15 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open these new playgrounds

### Construction work for urban Primary Health Centres

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the construction work of 5 Urban Primary Health Centres, one each at Kodungaiyur Ward 37, Royapuram Rotler Street (Perumalpet) and Kondithope, Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar and V.O.C.Nagar First Street in Pulianthope, Ambattur - Kalamegam Road, Mogappair West totally costing Rs. 10.72 crore

July 07 – Birth Anniversary of Rettaimalai Srinivasan

## He fought for the rights of Adi Dravidars

Rettaimalai Srinivasan was born on 07.07.1859 in Kozhiyalam Village, Chengalpattu District. Rettaimalai was his father's name. Rettaimalai Srinivasan combined his father's name along with his own. That's why everyone in his community including elders and educated youth call him 'Thaatha' (grandfather).

He toured all over South India and witnessed the daily living conditions of the downtrodden people. As a result, he started to engage in serving his community and the public at large.

In 1895, he created a feeling that the downtrodden people should come together and fight with their own individuality. A group headed by Rettaimalai Srinivasan went to Sir Elgin who was in Chennai that day and made a request that "the Adi Dravida people should be given a way to live with other communities on an equal footing, socially, politically and individually". After that, he held many conferences till 1903 and continued to fight with the British government to protect the interests of the people belonging to the depressed classes.

May the fame of Rao Bahadur Rettaimalai Srinivasan spread, may his thoughts prevail and ideals triumph!

*-From a speech delivered by* ***Muthamizharignar Kalaignar*** *after releasing a commemorative stamp in memory of Rettaimalai Srinivasan on 15.08.2000.*

# Hon’ble Chief Minister dedicates infrastructure worth Rs. 314.89 crore to boost fisheries

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** declared open buildings on behalf of the Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department - 15.05.2023.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin declared open a Fishing Harbour, Fish landing centres, Fish rearing tanks and Integrated Buildings with training centres, all constructed at a cost of Rs.314.89 crore, on behalf of the Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, at the Secretariat on 15.05.2023.

To ensure a holistic development in this sector, the Government of Tamil Nadu is undertaking various innovative programmes for increasing fish production through conservation of fishery resources, and sustainable exploitation and promotion of aquaculture practices. For safe berthing of fishing crafts and hygienic handling of fish from the point of catch to consumption, the Government has developed state of the art infrastructure facilities such as fishing harbours, fish landing centres, shore facilities, fish markets etc.,

In this connection, a renovated fishing harbour at Muthunagar in Cuddalore District, at a cost of Rs.100 crore, at C.Pudupet a fish auction centre at the fish-landing centre, fishnet centre, fish-drying yard and road facilities, all at a cost of Rs. 5 crore, fish breeding ponds and infrastructure facilities at the Government fish

farm in Lalpet, at a cost of Rs.5 crore and new integrated Fishing Resources and Fishermen Welfare buildings at Cuddalore Town at a cost of Rs. 5 crore;

Fish landing centres in Mandapam South and North in Ramanathapuram District, T-Jetties and Fish auction centres, at a cost of Rs.20 crore and in Rochma Nagar fish landing Centre and a sea wall to prevent sea erosion, at a total cost of Rs. 9.91 crore.

A fishing harbour, at a cost of Rs. 120 crore at Tharangambadi in Mayiladuthurai District, a fish landing centre at Melamanakudi in Kanniyakumari District at a cost of Rs.29.50 crore.

Fish landing Centre at Jeeva Nagar (Tiruchendur) in Thoothukudi District, at a cost of Rs.3 crore, a fishing auction centre and fish landing centre with road facilities, at a cost of Rs.2 crore in the fishermen's village in Inigo Nagar and a fishing auction centre and fish landing centre with road facilities, at a cost of Rs. 2 crore in Alanthalai Village.

A modernized State fish-seed centre, with additional water facilities at Mettur Dam, in Salem District at a cost of Rs. 4.80 crore, an upgraded fish farm in Bhavani Sagar in Erode District, at a cost of Rs.3.68 crore, at Ramanadi Government fishing farm in Tenkasi District, infrastructure facilities and fish breeding ponds at a cost of Rs.5 crore.

Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open new buildings, at a cost of Rs.314.89 crore.

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## Houses allotted to those displaced during Rainwater Canal construction

The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin handed over house allocation orders to 20 persons who were displaced from their houses when rainwater canal works were carried out at Mufti Ameerullah Street under Wards 114 and 116 in the Chepauk-Tiruvallikeni Assembly Constituency, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, at Chennai Camp Office on 01.06.2023.

# Hon’ble Chief Minister declares open Police office buildings and issues Appointment orders to 3,271 Grade II Constables

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open police office buildings - 19.05.2023.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin declared open 3 police office buildings, on behalf of the Police Department, one each at Chengalpattu, Ranipet and Tirupattur Districts, built at a total cost of Rs.36.39 crore, through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 19.05.2023. On the occasion, the Hon’ble Chief Minister also handed over appointment orders for 3,271 Grade II Constables, selected for the posts through the Uniformed Services Recruitment Board.

As per the directive of the Hon’ble Chief Minister, the Police Department works for the prevention of crimes, besides creating an environment in which no crimes are committed. For this, the State Government has been implementing various schemes, which include the opening of new police stations, housing colonies for policemen, procurement of patrol vehicles and improvement of infrastructure facilities.

In this way, in Chengalpattu District, police building in Chengalpattu, at a cost of Rs. 12.25 crore, in Ranipet District at Ranipet, at a cost of Rs.12.03 crore and Tirupattur District in Tirupattur at a cost of Rs. 12.11 crore. Totally, 3 police buildings, built at a cost of Rs.36.39 crore were declared open by the Hon’ble Chief Minister through video conferencing.

Each building has ground floor plus 3 storeys and is constructed on a 4,245 sq.metre area. The building has a separate

room for the Superintendent of Police, DSP, Control rooms, visitors' waiting room, Dining hall, office rooms, Radio station, meeting hall, Finger Print Room, Cyber Lab, CCTV cameras, lift, Power room, and room for Fire fighting equipment.

After that, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over appointment orders for the posts of 2,617 Grade II men constables and 654 Grade II women constables, selected through the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board. As a token, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over appointment orders to 10 selected constables.

To start with, these constables will undergo training in the Permanent Police Training Schools at Tiruvallur, Vellore, Viluppuram, Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai and Thoothukudi, from 01.06.2023.

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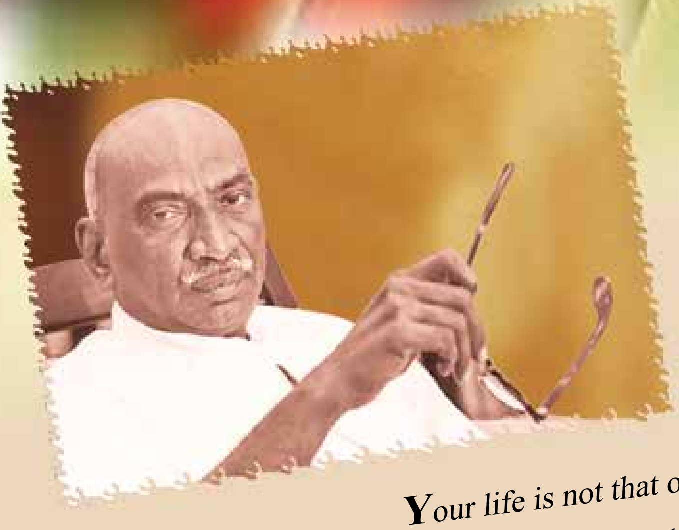

# The dusky Gandhi

Your life is not that of an individual
It is a chapter in the history of self-respect
You etched your glory in Tamil Nadu
Flying your flag from Kumari to Imayam
Our Anna called you a man of clean character
Our Thanthai Periyar loved you as a true Tamilian
The nation surrounded by seas worshipped you as 'Kaala Gandhi'
At the fag-end of your life you showered your affection on me
Your life itself is a lesson to others
Your birthday is the best on all days.

- Poetic tribute of **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** on the birth anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar on 15.07.1976.

Foundation stone laid for new schemes, power sub-station

# Hon'ble Chief Minister opens Villivakkam overbridge, names it after Mayor Chittibabu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin laid the foundation stone for a new power sub-station to be set up at a cost of Rs. 110.92 crore at Ganesh Nagar in the Kolathur Assembly constituency, on 13.05.2023. He also laid the foundation stone for works replacing old water lines with new lines, at a cost of Rs.4.60 crore, on behalf of the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, and for new works for Rs. 96.16 lakh, on behalf of the Greater Chennai Corporation, and declared open the Mayor Chittibabu over bridge, constructed at a cost of Rs. 61.98 crore, at Villivakkam.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** at the inaugural function of the Mayor Chittibabu Railway Overbridge in the Kolathur Constituency on 13.05.2023.

Ganesh Nagar and its surrounding area in the Kolathur Assembly Constituency have become a bustling and fast-growing area, with new housing colonies and commercial establishments. To help the growth of the areas, the Tamil Nadu Power Transmission Corporation has decided to set up a 230/33 Kv power sub-station in Ganesh Nagar, at a cost of Rs.110.92 crore. The Hon'ble

Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the new power station.

Because of the new power station, the power infrastructure in Kolathur, Periyar Nagar, Annai Nagar, Ganesh Nagar and Nermai Nagar will be strengthened and consistent power supply provided. Through this, 3,19,000 consumers will be benefited.

## Foundation stones laid for new schemes of CMWSSB

Replacement of old water supply lines with new lines in Venkatesan Road and the surrounding areas, at a cost of Rs. 99 lakh; in Karthikeyan Road and the surrounding areas, at a cost of Rs. 1.27 crore; in Madhavaram High Road and the surrounding areas, at a cost of Rs. 1.94 crore and in Raja Street and the surrounding areas, at a cost of Rs. 39.91 lakh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for replacement of old water pipelines, at a total cost of Rs. 4.60 crore.

## New schemes of the Greater Chennai Corporation

Construction of a new Integrated Child Development Centre on the vacant ground in the 34th Street of G.K.M. Colony, at a cost of Rs. 35 lakh; Dining hall in the final rites hall in the 33th road junction of Jambulingam Main Road in G.K.M.Colony, at a cost of Rs.20 lakh and replacement of electric crematorium in Jambulingam Main Road in G.K.M.Colony with LPG at a cost of Rs.41.16 lakh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the above works, totally costing Rs. 96.16 lakh.

## Mayor Chittibabu Railway Over bridge near Villivakkam Railway Station

People in Kolathur, Villivakkam and surrounding areas were put to hardship to cross the Eastern railway gate No. 1 due to

its frequent closure. To avert the difficulties faced by people and to replace the Villivakkam East Railway level-crossing, it was planned to construct a two-way over bridge on the junction of Kolathur Main Road and the South ICF Road, at a cost of Rs. 61.98 crore. The two-way road is 500 metres long and 8.50 metres wide The Hon'ble Chief Minister named the new bridge as Mayor Chittibabu Over bridge and declared it open.

Mayor Chittibabu (Chokalinga Chittibabu) was elected as a Lok Sabha member of the D.M.K. in the 1967 and 1971 elections. He was elected as the councillor of the Chennai Corporation way back in 1958 and was the Mayor of the Chennai Corporation in 1964 and acquitted himself well by executing welfare measures for the people. In 1976, he was arrested under MISA and died in 1977 due to the injuries he suffered in jail. To honour Mayor Chittibabu, the new over bridge has been named after him.

The new over bridge will be a new major link for Kolathur with Anna Nagar and will benefit about 2 lakh people living in Kolathur, G.K.M.Colony, Periyar Nagar, Korattur, Padi, ICF, Anna Nagar and Perambur areas.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over the allotment orders for houses to 51 beneficiaries in the Gowthamapuram Scheme area, under the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the progress of construction of sewerage station for the removal of the sewage water through underground pipes for the left-over streets in Kolathur, Venus Nagar and Jayanthi Nagar being implemented at a cost of Rs. 8.90 crore.

**Speech delivered by the**
**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu**
**at the inaugural function**

I extend my warm evening welcome to all of you.

Though I am in charge as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, it is due to the voters in Kolathur Assembly Constituency that I occupy this position. Not once or twice, but for three consecutive terms, you have elected me as your representative. Twice, I got the opportunity to serve as the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. Subsequently, due to your faith in me, you elected me for the third time and created the opportunity of becoming the Chief Minister of the State.

You all know that after becoming the Chief Minister of the State, I have been travelling to various districts in the State, inaugurating new schemes and reviewing ongoing ones. You would be aware of these things through TV channels and newspapers. Whenever I come to Kolathur Constituency I feel happy and feel as if I am entering my home after completing my duties.

You, the people of Kolathur Constituency have the right to ask me to implement the schemes of your choice. It is in that manner that I inaugurated various schemes in this constituency. Particularly, the inauguration of a new Railway over bridge, costing Rs. 61.98 crore to relieve the traffic congestion here has been done in that manner. This over bridge has been the long-time demand of the people here. When I was elected as MLA of this Constituency for the first time, this demand was placed before me very strongly and emphatically.

Due to frequent closure of the railway gate, heavy traffic congestion took place, affecting the schedule of the people and creating mental stress. Based on all this, I sent a letter to the Southern Railway General Manager in 2014, demanding a railway over bridge. It was again stressed in 2015. We have repeatedly stressed the demand. But the Southern Railway General Manager informed that the Chennai Corporation had not given permission. You all know who ruled the State in 2015 and I don't want to talk about these things in this happy function.

Whoever ruled the State, as a movement, we work for the people as we have been groomed by Dr. Kalaignar.  At that time, we were not in power. But we did not leave it just because of that. Thiru. Suresh Prabhu was the then Union Railway Minister. At that time there was a separate budget for the Railway Ministry and discussion on the Railway budget. In that circumstance, I met the Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu in person and stressed the demand. After hearing the genuineness of my demand, the Railway Minister announced it in the then railway budget and allotted Rs. 7.35 crore for the bridge. These are all in the records.

The Rajaji Nagar Welfare Association wrote a letter to my Assembly office on 06.03.2015, congratulating me for my efforts as your legislator.

As far as I am concerned, I am not a person who meets and speaks to you during election time only. I hope you have not forgotten this. When I was in the Opposition, I conducted a programme 'Pesalaam Vanga' in which I toured the entire Kolathur Assembly

Constituency, heard the grievances of the people and received the petitions from them. I met the officials concerned and handed over the petitions to them and tried to find solutions for the issues.

In the 'Pesalam Vanga' programme on April 19 and April 25, 2015, public stressed the demand for expediting the project. On 30.04.2015, I once again sent a reminder letter to the then Southern Railway General Manager, Thiru. Ashok Agarwal. A similar demand was made by other welfare associations through letters sent to the Railway Ministry.

After all these efforts, on 14.09.2017, the then General Manager in a letter said that works for the construction of the bridge had started as the Chennai Corporation had given permission in the year 2017. One of the major demands of the constituency for which preliminary works started in 2014, continued in 2017 also.

After that, the Railway Ministry and the Chennai Corporation agreed to construct the bridge on a 50:50 cost basis and the foundation stone for constructing the bridge was laid on 31.10.2019. Even after that, there was not much progress in the construction of the work.

After the DMK Party came to power in 2021, the Dravidian Model Government took charge. I took interest in the completion of the project and speeded it up. On March 8 this year I reviewed the progress of the project.

A long-term dream of the people of the constituency has at last been realized with the inauguration of the bridge today. This bridge will be useful not only for the people of Kolathur but also for the people of Villivakkam. When the Ministers Thiru. Sekar Babu and Thiru. K.N. Nehru asked me to suggest a name for the new bridge, I immediately suggested Mayor Chittibabu's name.

You all know the history of Perambur over bridge. The Minister Thiru. Nehru said that I suggested 10 over bridges in the city when I was the Mayor of Chennai. Of the 10 bridges, 9 were completed as per the schedule. The Minister mentioned that the saving in constructing the bridges was Rs. 9 crore. The Minister has not given correct information. It is not so. The amount saved was Rs. 33 crore against the total cost of Rs. 94 crore. We completed the project in 10 months against the scheduled time of one year.

You should think about the traffic situation in Chennai if the 10 bridges we built were not available now. The first flyover to come in Chennai City was Anna Flyover and it was built during Kalaignar's period. If the Anna Flyover was not there, what would be the traffic situation now? Similarly, if Anna had not been there amongst us, what would our life be? These 10 bridges were constructed when I was the Mayor of Chennai Corporation. Among the 10 bridges, there was a technical problem in constructing one bridge. Thiru.Ranganathan, sitting here, knows about it. The then Union Minister, Murasoli Maran was adamant and said, you have completed 9 bridges, you should complete this bridge also. He himself went to Delhi several times and held discussions with officials. After that, the DMK lost power in Tamil Nadu. Ms. Jayalalithaa took charge of the Government. If only the new Government had taken the initiative, the bridge would have been completed in 2 or 3 months. But they did not take any initiative. Instead they filed a case against us alleging corruption in constructing the bridge. They did not even file the FIR in the case. It was Murasoli Maran, who solved the technical problem in constructing the tenth bridge. After that, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar laid the foundation stone for the bridge near the Perambur bridge, besides declaring open the 9 bridges. The completion of the bridge was delayed due to a technical problem. People who came to power next should have taken the step to solve the technical problem and complete the bridge. They did not bother about it. The DMK came to power again. Dr. Kalaignar, who laid the foundation stone, declared open the bridge also.

"Mayor Chittibabu overbridge"

I narrated all these things to the Kalaignar at the dais during the inaugural function as the Mayor of the Corporation. When I said that Murasoli Maran was responsible for the over bridge, Dr. Kalaignar immediately named the park near the over bridge after him. Even as Murasoli Maran was responsible for this bridge, the late Mayor Chittibabu was responsible for my presence there. If I am standing before you as the Chief Minister of the State, it is due to the late Chittibabu. At this juncture, I think about the sacrifices made by Chittibabu. It is a normal practice to name over bridges after some leaders. When Murasoli Maran, Chittibabu and myself were arrested under MISA and kept in jail for one year, Chittibabu protected me from getting blows from prison officials. If only he had not protected me from the blows, I would not have been alive today. You would have known about these incidents. It was due to his sacrifice that I am alive today as the Chief Minister. As a sort of gratitude to him, I named the bridge after him. There is no other reason.

We have been waiting for this bridge for the last 10 years. Today we have got the bridge. Many expected projects have been implemented now. You all know that when the D.M.K. Government is in power, these projects will be completed. When Dr. Kalaignar was the Chief Minister of the State in 1996, I took charge as the Mayor of the Chennai Corporation and took various pledges for converting Chennai into Singara Chennai. You all know how the schemes were successfully implemented and how the 'Singara Chennai Scheme' was degraded by those who came to power later. Subsequently, in the 2006-2011 period, I was made the Local Administration Minister. You all know of the schemes I implemented during that period. I am really happy when I think that this over bridge named after Chittibabu is going to be of great use to the people.

You would not have forgotten December 2015, when there were heavy 'man-made' floods in Chennai. In the absence of proper instructions from the higher ups, the Chembarambakkam Lake was not opened in time to release excess water. This resulted in 'artificial floods' in Chennai City, causing heavy loss of life and property and incalculable misery to people. You all know about the corruption in the name of Smart City. Due to this corruption alone, Chennai City was flooded. Now you see how far the city has changed in the last 2 years due to the advent of the Dravidian Model Government. You are watching now how far these schemes are being implemented to prevent flooding of the City. Only a few schemes are left to be completed. Those schemes will be completed soon as the Ministers, Corporation officials, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and chairmen of the ward committees are working

in a co-ordinated manner. Once the works are completed, the people of Chennai will say that we are not bothered about rains, floods and storms as the Dravidian Model Government is in power. We should instill that much confidence in the people by completing the remaining works.

When I took over as the Mayor of Chennai, Dr. Kalaignar gave me a piece of advice. When I said that I was going to take over the post of the Mayor, he said that it is not a position given to you by the people but a responsibility. You should always keep this in mind. This is the directive I give to my Cabinet colleagues, officials and to people. Whether you are the people's representatives, or Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Councillor, whatever be the position you hold, you should treat it as a responsibility given to you.

We have completed this bridge after 10 years. This bridge should be utilized properly and for this local people's representatives should co-operate. This is my request to the people. As Super Star says in a film, though this bridge has come late, it has come as the 'latest'! I request you to make the best use of this bridge. This Dravidian Model Government will always stand with you.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

## 'Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement a victory for Government of Tamil Nadu'

The judgement of the Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court that there is no bar on conducting Jallikattu, is to be etched in golden letters in the history of Tamil Nadu.

It is a great victory for the legal battle waged by the Tamil Nadu Government by bringing an ordinance in support of Jallikattu. We are constructing a big ground for organizing Jallikattu in Alanganallur Village in Madurai and on the coming Pongal, the festival of Tamils, we will be celebrating the Jallikattu victory.

*Social Media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu*
***Thiru. M.K.Stalin*** *- 18.05.2023.*

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# Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for Mini Tidel Parks in three Districts

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** laid the foundation stone for 3 Mini Tidel Parks - 19.05.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 19.05.2023, on behalf of the Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department, laid the foundation stone for 3 Mini Tidel Parks, one each at Thoothukudi, Salem and Thanjavur, at a total cost of Rs. 92.50 crore.

Visualizing the enormous potential of Information Technology, the then Chief Minister, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, during his rule in 1996-2001, with a long time perspective, set up the Tidel Park in Chennai. This sowed the seeds of Information Technology Development throughout the State.

In keeping with the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, that 'widespread growth is commendable growth and the uniform growth is the best growth', it has been decided to spread the environment of Information Technology to the second line and third line cities and 7 mini Tidel Parks are being setting up in over 50,000 to 1,00,000 sq.ft.

In continuation with this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for 3 mini Tidel parks in the State, one each at Thoothukudi, Salem and Thanjavur.

**Thoothukudi Mini- Tidel Park :** It is to be set up in Meelavittan -II, on an area of 4.16 acres, at a cost of Rs. 32.50 crore in an area of 63,100 sq.ft in a building with ground plus 4 storeys.

**Thanjavur Mini Tidel Park:** At Pillaiyarpatti in Thanjavur District, on an area of 3.40 acres at a cost of Rs. 30.50 crore, the Tidel Park building is to be set up with ground plus 3 storeys on 55,000 sq.ft area.

**Salem Mini Tidel Park :** In the Anaigoundanpatti and Karuppur areas in Omalur Division in Salem District, the Mini Tidel Park is to be set up on an area of 55,000. sq.ft, at a cost of Rs. 29.50 crore.

Through these parks, thousands of educated youth, especially women will get opportunities to work in software companies in their own districts. In addition, these companies will lead to socio-economic growth, which will finally result in the overall growth of the State.

‘Sezhippu’, organic manure from wet wastes inaugurated

# Hon’ble Chief Minister launches QR Code system under Smart Governance scheme

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 12.05.2023, introduced the QR Code App, under the ‘Smart Governance’ Scheme (Seermighu Aalumai), on behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department for all services in Corporations, Municipalities and Panchayat Unions. On the same occasion, the Hon’ble Chief Minister introduced a organic manure manufactured from the wet wastes for sale under the name ‘Sezhippu’.

Based on information technology, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been digitalizing the administrative functions in all its Departments. Various steps are being taken to improve the confidence of the public on utilization of Information Technology, to ensure the Government services reach the people and to exchange Government information and functions in a transparent manner.

## Launch of “QR code” software application under the ‘Smart Governance’ Scheme

In the budget demand for the financial year 2022-2023 for the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, it was announced that to monitor the functions and services of the local bodies, to enable people to know about various schemes of the Government, to get feedback from the people about the services of the local bodies, the ‘Seermighu Aalumai’ Scheme was introduced through the QR Code.

As per the announcement, the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, through a web portal, has designed a map, containing the structures of a town or city and provided QR Code for every Government body as well as for the taxation structure. The Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurated the QR Code software application to enable people living in various Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats to know the services provided by the local bodies.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** introduced the QR Code system in local bodies and inaugurated the sale of organic manure ‘Sezhippu’ - 12.05.2023.

The QR Code will be pasted in the facade of every Government structure by local bodies. Through this code, people can register their feedback on the services rendered by the local body employees, which in turn will make the employees improve their quality of work. Again, the public may get details about any arrears in tax payment, including Property Tax and also pay through the App. Again the birth and death in a family can be registered through this QR Code. People may also know about the action taken on complaints / demands through this code.

Apart from this, the QR Code will also be available in all public places such as parks, burial grounds, bus stands, markets, playgrounds and welfare centres and the public can register their views and feedback to help the local body administration take follow-up action to improve its functioning.

All the complaints and feedback received through the QR Code will be recorded in the control rooms of the respective local bodies. The complaints will be forwarded to the employees concerned for immediate action so that they are all settled through the 'Seermighu Aalumai' Scheme.

## Launching the sale of organic manure "Sezhippu"

In the budget demand for the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department for the year 2023-2024, it was announced that the wet wastes collected from local bodies will be converted into organic manure. To provide quality bio-fertilizer to consumers, these wet wastes are synthesized with nitrogen and ash and the synthesized organic manure is named 'Sezhippu' and will be sold in all towns, bringing additional income.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister named the organic manure manufactured from the biodegradable wastes as 'Sezhippu' and inaugurated its sale.

At present, about 15,000 tonnes of wastes are collected every day through urban local bodies. Of these, 55 per cent are wet wastes. The wet wastes is scientifically processed at the micro composting centres and converted into manure. Nearly, 15 percent of wet wastes are converted into organic manure in this manner.

In 629 places in Corporations, in 334 places in Municipalities, and 489 places in Town Panchayats there are composting centres, where organic manure is manufactured. On a day about 870 metric tonnes of bio-fertilizer is manufactured and distributed to the public and the farmers.

By utilizing the organic manure, the soil gets the retention power to conserve air and water. The organic manure enhances the nutrient releasing capacity of the soil and frees the nutrients from the chemical fertilizer in the soil. ■

# Hon’ble Chief Minister opens Tamil Nadu Technology Hub at Anna varsity campus

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin declared open the iTNT Centre on behalf of the Information Technology and Digital Services Department, costing Rs. 54.61 crore at the Anna University Campus, through video conferencing, at the Secretariat on 15.05.2023.

The budget demand for the financial year 2022-2023, noted that the Government was well aware of the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Block Chain Technologies. To encourage these technologies, it was announced in the budget speech that the Government had decided to set up an iTechnology Centre in the State, at a cost of Rs. 54.61 crore. This technology centre would find solutions for the big technical problems in the State and integrate the services for the better utilization of the growing technologies.

In continuation of the announcement, the Hon’ble Chief Minister declared open the iTNT Centre set up at a cost of Rs.54.61 crore at the Anna University campus through video conference.

This centre’s objective is to serve as a catalyst for the creation of an environment for innovations to place Tamil Nadu in the first 10 places globally.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open the iTamil Nadu Technology Centre (iTNT) at the Anna University campus on 15.05.2023.

It will encourage entrepreneurs in emerging Deep Tech, integrate big companies and educational institutions in the research and development, set up high technology models and designs and create world-wide links.

This centre is the first in the country which will co-ordinate with educational institutions, Start-ups, big companies and the Government. As a part of the inaugural function, 19 Startup companies are being given guidance by the Centre.

The Electronics and Information Technology Ministry of the Union Government has given 50 per cent funds for the iTNT Centre, the State Government has given 37 per cent and the balance 13 per cent funds comes from big industrial companies.

The Centre functions as a non-profitable organization under the Tamil Nadu Government’s Information Technology and Digital Services Department. ■

# MoU signed in presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister for expansion of Hyundai plant

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** an MoU was signed - 11.05.2023.

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at a function organized on behalf of the Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau and the Hyundai Motor (India) Private Ltd., a cent per cent subsidiary of Hyundai Motor Company of South Korea, on 11.05.2023. The MoU is for providing facilities for the modernization of the Hyundai plant and for the manufacture of new model cars, at a cost of Rs. 20,000 crore, and for setting up EV Battery Assembly Pack unit and establishing EV Charging stations in the plant.

Tamil Nadu is one of the premier States in the economic and industrial development of the country. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been taking various steps to attract multi-purpose projects to the State, to create employment for the educated youth, to strengthen the State's economy and to achieve the Hon'ble Chief Minister's target of making Tamil Nadu a one trillion US dollar economy by the year 2030.

As a part of the move, the Government of Tamil Nadu is to organize the Global Investors

Meet on January 10 and 11, 2024, in Chennai. The Tamil Nadu Government's Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department is taking steps for attracting investments through the conference.

## Memorandum of Understanding with the Hyundai Motor (India) Private Ltd.,

Hyundai Motor (India) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hyundai Motor of South Korea. This is the first company in India to provide Smart Mobility Solutions and the primary company in the export of cars. Right from the beginning, the company has been functioning with a world-wide long-term perspective of providing Smart Mobility Solutions to the industrial sector and a sustainable outlook to the younger generation.

The foundation stone for setting up the first unit of the Hyundai Motor (India), Company was laid by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, at Irungattukottai near Chennai on 10.12.1996, when he was the Chief Minister of the State. At present, the company functions with a strong network of 1,340 sales centres and 1,502 service points throughout India. Apart from manufacturing 12 models of cars, it is a fully integrated state-of-the art car manufacturing company in India. It currently exports cars to around 85 countries across Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, Australia and the Asia Pacific region. It plays a major role in the world's export hub.

Hyundai Motor (India) is now embarking upon modernizing its Chennai plant, at a cost of Rs. 20,000 crore for manufacturing of new models of cars and for executing EV Battery Assembly Packs and EV Charging stations. To provide facilities for the expansion project, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau and Hyundai Motor (India) private Ltd., in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on 11.05.2023.

The signing of an MoU by the 26-year old Hyundai Company in Chennai for an investment of another Rs. 20,000 crore, for improving its activities, is yet another proof for the fact that Tamil Nadu has world standard infrastructure and a conducive atmosphere for starting new industries and is the best State for investments in South Asia.

## Address of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the event:

My warm welcome to all of you.

Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, laid the foundation stone for the first unit of the Hyundai Car (India), at Irungattukottai in December 1996. The second unit, with an investment of Rs.4,000 crore, was also inaugurated by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in February 2008. I am proud to recollect that I ushered in the number one-crore$^{th}$ car of the company in June 2021. Thanks to mutual faith and joint efforts, between the Company and the Government of Tamil Nadu, the investment of the company has increased to Rs. 23,900 crore. I am really happy to know that the company is the second biggest car company in India and it is the second largest car exporter of the country.

Tamil Nadu occupies the first place in automobile and spare parts manufacturing. It

is really commendable that in the next stage of automobile growth, namely electrical vehicles, Tamil Nadu occupies the primary position. The main reason for this is the availability of skilled labour and world class infrastructure and the constructive co-operation of the Government of Tamil Nadu. In this context, I released the Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicles Policy in February 2023.

It was really a proud movement for India that the Hyundai Company selected India for its long-term investment plan for the manufacture of Electric Cars for India and the world. I have no doubt that the Hyundai Unit in Irungattukottai will become the Electric Car hub in the national and international market. The unit with sustainable production as its main concept has provided direct employment to 15,000 persons and indirect employment to more than 2.50 lakh persons.

I really appreciate you for your support to the Government's efforts to get more investments to the State and create employment opportunities in the State.

On this occasion, I really appreciate the former Industries Minister Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, the present Industries Minister Thiru. T.R.B.Rajaa, the Additional Chief Secretary of the Industries Department, Thiru. S.Krishnan, I.A.S., for their efforts to bring investments to the State, not only from within the country but also from abroad, and for improving the socio-economic growth of the State by undertaking tours within the country and internationally.

I am confident that Hon'ble Thiru. T.R.B. Rajaa, who took over the post of Industries Minister recently, will also take efforts to bring more investments to the State. I extend my greetings to him also.

On this occasion, I would like to point out one thing here. Though the portfolios of the Ministers have been changed for administrative reasons, the support and incentives being given to industries will continue.

The plant, started during Dr.Kalaignar's period, has expanded many times with new projects and now is to be expanded at a cost of Rs. 20,000 crore. This shows the conducive environment prevailing in the State. It is not an exaggeration to state that this investment will help Tamil Nadu achieve in leaps and bounds, its target of a one trillion US dollar economy by the year 2030.

I extend my hearty thanks to the Hyundai Company management, its employees and to our Government Officials for successfully organizing this function. The Industries Department has already grown and it is growing still further. To give another example, I have attended a greater number of Industries Department-related functions both last year as well as this year. This function is an example for that. I conclude my speech by conveying my sincere congratulations and appreciation to our Government officials and Hyundai company officials.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

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## 128th Birth Anniversary of 'Kanniya Thendral' Quaid-e-Millath

News in Picture

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid tributes at the memorial of 'Kanniya Thendral' Quaid-e-Millath in connection with the 128th birth anniversary of the latter, at Wallajah Big Mosque, Tiruvallikeni, Chennai on 05.06.2023.

## 'A patriot who fought to make Tamil the official language'

A great patriot who dropped out of college and joined the Indian freedom struggle.

On the issue of the official language, he strongly argued in the Constituent Assembly that Tamil should be made the official language.

A leader who was influential enough to win all the contested elections without going to his constituency.

As a Member of the Constituent Assembly, Member of Parliament and Member of Legislative Assembly, he raised his bold voice like a Lion, for the rights of Tamils and minority communities.

On his birth anniversary, I commemorate the incomparable contributions made by the 'Quaid-e-Millath' Muhammad Ismail, an immaculate jewel, who was warmly praised by Thanthai Periyar on his death, saying, "It is rare for such a large Muslim community to find a leader like this again."

Social media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on the occasion of the 128th Birth anniversary of 'Kanniya Thendral' Quaid-e-Millath - 05.06.2023.

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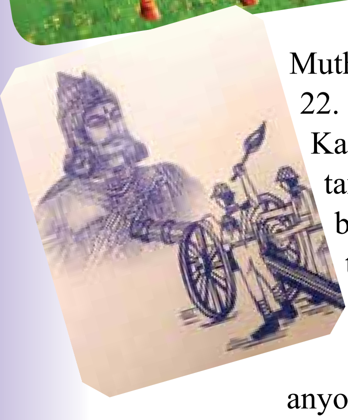

**July 11 – Birth anniversary of Veeran Azhagu Muthukone**

# A Gallant Warrior who fought the British

Veeran Azhagu Muthukone was the Chieftain of Kattalangulam Seemai who opposed the British and stopped the Palayakarars from paying tax to the British.

He was born in the year 1710, as the son of the King Azhagu Muthukone (Azhagu Muthu was the family name) and crowned in 1750 at the age of 22. The British Government under the leadership of Yusuf Khan waged war on the Kattalangulam Palayam as he opposed and prevented the Palayakarars from paying tax to the British. Veeran Azhagu Muthukone who fought for three hours with a bullet in his right leg, was finally arrested by the British, bound with iron chains, taken to a place called Nadukattur, and in July 1759 placed in front of a cannon along with six commanders and blown to death.

He was a brave warrior who stood in front of the cannon and did not betray anyone even when he was on the verge of death. He has a memorable place in India's freedom struggle.

*-From the book 'Tamil Nadu in the Freedom Struggle'*

## Review Meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information & Publicity Department

The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information & Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan chaired the review meeting of the work of the six Regional Joint Directors of the Information and Public Relations Department at the State Information Centre Conference hall at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 06.06.2023. The Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department Dr. R. Selvaraj I.A.S., and the Director of Information and Public Relations Thiru. D. Mohan I.A.S., participated in the meeting and other higher officials from the Department were present.

# Chief Secretary reviews work under various TIDCO, SIPCOT schemes

The Chief Secretary to Government Dr.V.Irai Anbu I.A.S., inspected of various projects executed under SIPCOT and TIDCO Schemes -04.06.2023.

Various projects, undertaken by SIPCOT and TIDCO, functioning under the Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department, were reviewed by the Chief Secretary to Government Dr.V.Irai Anbu I.A.S., in person on 04.06.2023.

## Chennai Trade Centre expansion work

The Chief Secretary reviewed the progress of expansion work of the Chennai Trade Centre at Nandambakkam in the Alandur Division of Chennai. This project undertaken by TIDCO includes construction of a conference hall of 9,00,000 sq.ft. area, at a cost of R.309 crore, with a seating capacity of 4,000 persons, 5 exhibition halls and multi-level car parking. The Chief Secretary reviewed the construction work in this regard. He also directed the TIDCO officials to complete the expansion project before the Global Investors Meet.

## SIPCOT's Integrated Hostel for workers at Vallam Vadagal

The Chief Secretary inspected the construction work of an integrated Hostel in Vallam Vadagal in Kancheepuram District, at a cost of Rs. 680 crore by SIPCOT. This hostel is meant for the stay of about 18,720 workers working in near-by industries. The construction work of the hostel, road and drinking water facilities, sports stadium, sewerage treatment plant, rain-water harvesting facilities, power through solar energy, were also reviewed by the Chief Secretary, who wanted the officials to complete the works as per the schedule.

## SIPCOT's Industrial Innovation Centre (FORT)

After inspecting the SIPCOT's Industrial Park at Sriperumbudur, the Chief Secretary inspected the Industrial Innovation Centre (FORT) meant for the utilization of entrepreneurs and innovators. He also reviewed the various facilities at the Centre like the co-working space, Industry 4.0 equipment, product development centre, proto typing facilitation centre and training centre. He told the officials to maintain these facilities in a proper manner.

## Tidel Park at Pattabiram

Finally, the Chief Secretary reviewed the TIDEL Park being built on a 5,62,000 sq. ft. area, at a cost of Rs. 327 crore at Pattabiram in Avadi Taluk of Tiruvallur District. He also oversaw the construction activities of the Information Technology Park and two Food Courts in the TIDEL Park.

# Rs. 127.18 crore given to 40,772 members of 2,675 SHGs in Viluppuram District

A good government is defined as one that creates ways for gaining resources, replenishes the coffers, guards them and expends the wealth gained for the benefit of its citizens, says Valluvar. In keeping with this dictum, this government aims at the growth of the economy. In this connection, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin takes special interest in improving the economic development of every individual.

For the benefit of poor families, in 1989, the then Chief Minister, Muthamizharignar, Kalaignar, brought this self-help group, which has been further strengthened by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at present, by extending assistance to several families.

In this connection, the poor families in rural areas have been identified and to improve their economic conditions self-help groups are created and financial assistance provided for the economic improvement of the group members. They have been given proper training and bank loans for starting self-employment schemes by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. In the current financial year alone, Rs. 20,000 crore has been allotted for the Self-Help Groups.

In continuation of this, on 14.12.2021, bank loans and welfare assistance to Self-Help Groups were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. In this connection, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, for the benefit of 40,772 members of the 2,675 Self-Help Groups in Viluppuram

District distributed loans to the tune of Rs. 127.18 crore and welfare assistance as well. In a similar manner, sufficient loans and welfare assistance have been given to the Self-Help Group members when needed.

**Members of the Komagal Self-Help Group narrated their experiences:**

"We are running the Komagal Women's Self-Help Group with 16 members from the Siruvanthadu Panchayat in Viluppuram District. After forming the group, we came to know that the Government of Tamil Nadu is extending loan assistance to Self-Help Groups. As this area is known for silk weaving, we decided to invest in silk units and started the Manoranjitham Silk Centre. For investing in the unit, we joined the Federation of Self-Help Group and got the loan through the federation. As all the members of the group have interest in silk trade, through Tamil Nadu Rural Habitation Movement, we received a bank loan of Rs. 9 lakh and expanded our business. We not only got employment for our members but also sufficient revenue to improve our standard of living. For this, we thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on behalf of the group members and all women".

**Beneficiaries of Annai Teresa Self-Help Group express their thanks to Hon'ble Chief Minister:**

"We are running the Annai Teresa Women Self-Help Group with 16 women from the Mutrampattu Panchayat in Kandamangalam Union in Viluppuram District. In the beginning, we invested our savings in the bank and divided the interest earned among us. We got a loan of Rs.25,000 from the bank through the Tamil Nadu Rural Habitation Movement and Rs. 3 lakh loan from the bank. We started a sugarcane juice company and we are getting a monthly income of Rs. 5,000 through this scheme. This income helped improve the standard of living for poor women in rural areas. For this, we thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister on behalf of the Self-Help Groupand the members of the group".

- Compiled by Public Relations Officer, Viluppuram District.

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# Field Visit

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin,** interacted with beneficiaries under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and learnt of their needs at Alangudi Village, Lalgudi Panchayat Union, Tiruchirappalli District on 09.06.2023.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** in a programme arranged on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department in connection with the centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, in the presence of the former Governor of West Bengal Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi, released the logo for Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Centenary Celebrations, at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 02.06.2023.

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